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Administrator — West Stewartstown

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Coos County Commissioners



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Thomas R. Corrigan	Marie Hawkinson	Norman S. Brungot, D.V.M.
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Representatives to General Court

COOS COUNTY

DISTRICT No. 1 (Atkinson & Gilmanton Academy Grant, Clarksville, Colebrook, Columbia, Dix's Grant, Dixville, Errol, Millsfield, Pittsburg, Second College Grant, Stewartstown, Wentworth's Location.) (3)

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LYNN C. HORTON, Lancaster
EDWARD WILLEY, Lancaster

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HAROLD BURNS, Whitefield
MABEL L. RICHARDSON, Randolph

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GEORGE H. KEOUGH, Gorham
OTTO H. OLESON, Gorham

DISTRICT No. 6 (Berlin—Ward 1) (2)

GUY J. FORTIER, Berlin
ALCIDE E. VALLIERE, Berlin

DISTRICT No. 7 (Berlin—Ward 2) (2)

RICHARD A. PATENAUDE, Berlin
ELMER H. YORK, Berlin

DISTRICT No. 8 (Berlin—Ward 3) (2)

JAMES A. COONEY, Berlin
GEORGE E. LEMIRE, Berlin

DISTRICT No. 9 (Berlin—Ward 4) (2)

RICHARD L. POULIN, Berlin
ROMEO J. THERIAULT, Berlin

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

January 22, 1976

A special meeting was called by the Chairman of the Coos County Delegation, Guy Fortier, for Thursday, January 22, 1976 at 2:00 P.M. The meeting was held at the Berlin Court House.

The Finance Committee authorized John Morton, County Treasurer, to borrow a sum of money not to exceed \$500,000.00 in anticipation of 1976 taxes. A motion was made by Otto Oleson and seconded by Harry Huggins. Voting in favor of the motion were Representatives Kidder, Oleson, Hunt, Gagnon, Richardson, Fortier, Burns, and Huggins, a unanimous vote.

John Morton, County Treasurer, explained the new procedures in borrowing money.

Commissioner Bergeron was also present.

This concluded the business on the table.

Chairman Fortier called for adjournment at 2:45 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

A. E. Valliere, Clerk

FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING

January 31, 1976

A meeting of the Finance Committee was held at West Stewartstown for the purpose of reviewing the quarterly report. Meeting called for 10:00 A.M.

Commissioners Brungot and Corrigan were present. County Co-ordinator King and Superintendent Bouchard were also present. Chairman Guy Fortier of the Committee read each item separately, many questions were asked and explanations given. It was decided by the Finance Committee that the Commissioners should be notified if an overdraft was inevitable in any department. Rep. Richardson made a motion to authorize the Commissioners and the County Solicitor to get a ruling from the Attorney General regarding mileage paid in the Sheriff's department. Rep. Drake moved to accept report as read, seconded by Rep. Hunt. Delegation voted unanimously in favor. Rep. Drake moved that income report accepted as read, seconded by Rep. Huggins. Delegation voted in favor.

Co-ordinator King said that bids were out for the laundry equipment.

The Jail Committee approved the Hershey Associates for architectural study for repairs on the West Stewartstown Jail, meeting scheduled for February 10, 1976.

Representatives present were Guy Fortier, Otto Oleson, Arthur Drake, Harry Huggins, Roger Hunt, Victor Kidder, Mable Richardson, Rebecca Gagnon and Alcide Valliere.

Meeting adjourned at 1:15 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,
Alcide E. Valliere, Clerk

JAIL AND HOUSE OF CORRECTION COMMITTEE MEETING

February 10, 1976

Present: Chairman Guy Fortier, Harold Burns, Elmer York, and Roger Hunt. Absent, Harry Huggins. Also present Mr. Donald Sumner, Mr. Dick Gove and Mr. Dave Curran of Hershey Associates, Architects, Supt. Bouchard and Fred King.

Motion by Elmer York, seconded by Harold Burns to have Harry Huggins function as Clerk of the Committee. Vote in favor was unanimous. In absence of Mr. Huggins Chairman Fortier appointed Fred King to take minutes of meeting.

Mr. Bouchard explained that the purpose of the meeting was to allow the Committee to look at the Jail facility and note the possible fire hazards. He pointed out that the County had \$11,000.00 in capital reserve money which was appropriated for a sprinkler system and new windows. This was not spent pending this Crime Commission funded study. It was discussed by the group where the possible responsibility would fall, if a serious fire occurred. Mr. Sumner said he felt if it was on the public record that there was a threat to life and something serious happened and the County had taken no action, then it might put the County in a bad position if lawsuits resulted. The group also discussed the availability of Federal funds for construction money. Fred King reported that it was within the scope of the Federal legislation but final decision would probably be made in Concord.

The group left and inspected the facility and returned at 11:10 to conclude the discussion. Mr. Sumner explained how his firm would carry out their functions. He felt they would have recommendations for the Committee by May 1, 1976.

Fred King distributed copies of an article from the Manchester Union Leader and copies of Hershey Associates proposal to the Committee.

Mr. Ben Thompson of the Governor's Commission on Crime and Delinquency joined the group and offered his services in this project.

After lunch the meeting concluded at 1:15 P.M.

Frederick W. King
Clerk Pro Tem.

1976 BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING

February 14, 1976

A public hearing on the 1976 proposed budget Coos County Budget was held at the Lancaster Court House in Lancaster, N. H.

Chairman Fortier called the meeting to order at 10:00 A.M. and read each item in the proposed budget and asked for comments on same. Commissioners Brungot, Corrigan and Bergeron were present. Superintendent Bouchard and County Co-ordinator King were there.

Chairman Fortier and Clerk Valliere also were present. County Commissioners and County Attorney were down for salary increases while the Treasurer and Sheriff's remained the same. Rep. Drake remarked that it was not correct to grant increases to some and deny increases to others. The matter to be taken up at the Delegation Meeting to be held at West Stewartstown on February 28, 1976. Donald Crane of Lancaster was in favor of granting increases to the Sheriff and County Treasurer. Commissioner Bergeron explained that increases were given to Departments who requested more money to operate. In this instance the Sheriff and Treasurer did not request an increase.

The next item that raised a question was the difference of Berlin and Lancaster Court Houses operational cost. Arthur Drake and Otto Oleson requested an explanation. The reason given was the new offices in court house basement — heating and lighting and part time janitors were the reason for the operational increase. Donald Crane questioned the Sheriff's Clerk pay increase proposal. The Commissioners responded by saying that they do not make recommendations for pay increases. But department heads make demands.

Attorney Robert Rich explained the cost increases to Sheriff's

and Deputies mileage rate, the change was made by the house in Concord.

Robert Rich said that law books and psychiatric care are on the same appropriations, the reason for an increase Arthur Morrisette submitted, a letter showing the cost of a youth sent to a Youth Development Center and a price differential of sending a youth to a foster home O Y D C.

County Co-ordinator King explained the \$500,000.00 revenue for 1976. For the new nursing home - the reason is that it will be operational about 8 months. Supt. Bouchard spoke on this appropriation. Reps. Drake and Oleson raised many questions on this item. They will be resolved at the full Delegation Meeting, hopefully. Calvin Perkins, Soil Conservation Officer commented on the efficiency of the County Farm, that it was used as an experimental farm in conjunction with the University of N. H. and it was the best operated farm in the County.

Elizabeth Gibson spoke for RSVP. It seems that they will not be getting matching funds, that Carroll County was on their own and the Lebanon Area had their own program.

Farm specials raised few questions. Rep. Oleson wished to know what that comprised. Supt. Bouchard mentioned a new tractor was needed and new feeders were the reasons for the increased appropriations.

Nursing home specials - Lynn Horton and Donald Crane raised a few questions on this one. Again Supt. Bouchard explained the reason for this special - the entrance at the nursing home and the canopy leans towards the building caused by large chunks of ice falling from the main building.

Jail specials - glass blocks to be installed in all jail windows to give inmates some privacy so explained Supt. Bouchard.

Berlin Home obligations as explained by Co-ordinator King is for the purchase of small items such as pillows, sheets, pots, pans, drapes, etc. Items that are not included in builders contract.

The three mental health agencies in the North Country will be requesting money from the County.

Donald Crane suggested that the County Delegation in their wisdom make the same decision as in the past. In any case every item will be carefully scrutinized and the right decision made.

Meeting adjourned at 12:15.

Respectfully submitted,
Alcide E. Valliere

DELEGATION MEETING

February 28, 1976

Meeting called by Chairman Guy Fortier to approve the 1976 Budget. Meeting held at West Stewartstown Nursing Home, called to order at 10:00 A.M. Commissioners present were Brungot and Corrigan, Supt. Bouchard and Co-ordinator King and the following Representatives: Fortier, Oleson, Huggins, Gagnon, Richardson, Hunt, Lemire, Kidder, Drake, Horton, Wiswell, Poulin, York, Cooney and Valliere. Rep. Lemire proposed the reading of Dept. heads budgets. Selectman of Town of Pittsburg, N. H., Burnham Judd mentioned that his town was taxed \$2000.00 more than Colebrook, N. H. He will send us a letter to be given to the Tax Commission in Concord.

Rep. Kidder said that the Town of Shelburne was in the same predicament.

Commissioner Brungot mentioned that unincorporated towns should be made to pay their fair share of taxes. Rep. Drake proposed that the Delegation should meet with the Tax Commission, seconded by Victor Kidder. Marshall Cobleigh representing the Governor said that the State Government is in the same predicament; as the County Government, they have to present their problems and do much explaining.

Supt. Bouchard explained reason for operational expenses for 1976. 75 percent of employees are earning minimum wages, about 25 percent are seeking 7 percent. Rep. Oleson and Drake asked many questions concerning wage increases.

Paul Lacasse, Administrator of Manpower, explained functions of his agency. Rep. Oleson wished to know how many positions were filled by manpower. Lacasse said six jobs were filled. Rep. Drake said that the new nursing home should be filled without depleting the West Stewartstown home so as not to lose funds for the old home.

Rep. Drake made a motion and seconded by Rep. Richardson that patients should not be transferred to Berlin until Berlin Home is filled and then exchanges be made. Delegation voted 14 in favor, 1 against.

Cobleigh said that the State has to balance the budget just like we do for the County. He stated that the Governor will do all in his power to help us with our problems. He mentioned that the Finance Committee should be present.

Chairman Fortier said that the State is reimbursing the County at \$18.91 per patient while other counties in the state are getting up to \$24.00 and employees are to pay for their meals.

Commissioner Brungot introduced Mr. Langdell, the new home Superintendent. He explained his budget was for 8 months, plus. The interest for a full year is included in his budget and that there should be a \$40,000.00 depreciation for the year. The kitchen will be fully staffed and 3 RN's on duty before the first patient arrives, and it would be about 30 days before it is filled up. Co-ordinator King said that \$70,000.00 was saved on the construction and the \$95,000.00 which was approved by the Delegation would not be needed for that purpose; some supplies will be purchased with that money.

Glen Eastman explained Council on Aging functions which consists of transportation of the elderly to and from eating places; a small fee should be paid but not obligatory and we cannot make them pay. This is a matching fund.

Elizabeth Gibson representing R S V P asked for \$6,000.00 and that no money was forthcoming from communities in the County. Mrs. Gibson said that a letter was sent to the Commissioners to cancel request.

Morrisette is submitting a letter concerning Y D C and foster homes, how a youth is sent from Y D C to a foster home and back in his community. His agency pays for his keep until he is fully ready to get a job and be on his own.

Chairman Fortier adjourned the meeting at 1:15 until 2:15.

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Meeting reconvened at 2:20.

Rep. Drake proposed a reduction from \$12,600.00 to \$10,200.00 seconded by Rep. Horton. Vote unanimous in favor.

County Attorney reduced from \$10,000.00 to \$6,000.00 giving him a \$200.00 raise. Rep. Drake and Lynn made a motion seconded by Cooney, Sheriff's salary remain the same. All in favor. Medical referees reduced by \$205.00. Rep. Drake made motion, seconded by Rep. Hunt. All in favor.

Administrative expense reduced to \$24,000.00. Rep. Drake made motion, seconded by Rep. Horton. Unanimous approval. Rep. Drake moved that Attorney expenses be reduced to \$5,650.00 reduced by \$200.00 seconded by Rep. Huggins. Rep. Richardson requests an explanation on local audit for the new County Nursing Home. A motion to leave auditors' expenses as is made by Rep. Drake, seconded by Roger Hunt. All in favor. Rep. Drake and Horton visited Register of Deeds and checked proposed budget. They recommended a cut from \$5,762.00 to \$5,300.00 seconded by Rep. Huggins. Unanimous.

Rep. Drake approved Register of Probate Budget at \$3,220.00 seconded by Rep. Cooney. All in favor.

Berlin Court House Budget cut by \$2,000.00. Motion made by Rep. York, seconded by Lemire. Unanimous.

Rep. Drake approved Lancaster Court House as is. Seconded by Rep. Kidder. Unanimous.

Sheriff's Clerk Budget cut to \$4,000.00. Motion made by Roger Hunt. Seconded by Rep. Richardson. Unanimous.

Rep. Oleson moved to cut Sheriff's Office expense by \$590.00. Seconded by Rep. Hunt.

Sheriff's Court attendance approved as is.

Sheriff's Deputies court attendance approved as is.

Sheriff's investigations cut from \$14,000.00 to \$11,000.00. Rep. Drake made that motion, seconded by Rep. Gagnon. 14 to 2 in favor.

Sheriff's Deputies investigations, Rep. Horton moved to cut from \$16,000.00 to \$9,000.00. Seconded by Rep. Hunt. 15 to 1 in favor.

Training officers approved as is. \$1,000.00

Bonds approved as is. \$500.00

Law Books cut from \$2,000.00 to \$1,000.00. Rep. Horton moved and seconded by Rep. Wiswell. All in favor.

Jury payrolls. Rep. Drake requested a cut from \$12,000.00 to \$10,000.00. Seconded by Rep. York. All in favor.

Witness fees approved as is. Rep. Drake moved, seconded by Rep. Poulin.

Masters fees approved as is. Rep. Drake moved, seconded by Rep. Oleson.

Stenographers approved as is. Rep. Drake moved, seconded by Wiswell.

Clerk's office expense approved as is. Rep. Drake moved, seconded by Rep. Cooney.

Clerk's social security accepted as is. Seconded by Rep. Huggins. All in favor.

Administration Public Welfare. Approved by Delegation.

Old Age Assistance motion made by Rep. Hunt. Seconded by Rep. Lemire.

Children's Aid. Rep. Drake made motion to reduce from \$28,500.00 to \$27,000.00. Seconded by Rep. Horton. All in favor.

Soldier's Aid. Rep. Drake moved to reduce from \$15,000.00 to \$14,000.00. Seconded by Kidder. All in favor.

County Welfare approved by Delegation.

Nursing Home (Stewartstown). Delegation to meet with Governor and staff.

Nursing Home (Berlin). Also Welfare Commissioner.

Rep. Huggins made a motion that Commissioners, Supt. Bouchard, Fred King and members appointed by Chairman Fortier to get in touch with Cobleigh and make an appointment to meet with Governor.

Rep. Drake made a motion to table proposition of the two nursing homes until a later date. Seconded by Cooney.

Jail and House of Correction. Rep. Drake moved to cut budget from \$121,000.00 to \$116,500.00. Seconded by Rep. Horton.

Farm. Rep. Drake made a motion to reduce from \$152,300.00 to \$147,300.00. Seconded by Rep. Poulin. Motion carries.

Soil Conservation Extension Service. Unanimously approved.

Crime abatement approved as is. Matching funds. Radios and TV's for use in jail.

Council on Aging. Rep. Poulin made a motion to table this agency along with R S V P. To be brought up at next meeting. Seconded by Rep. Oleson. 14-1 in favor.

Berlin Court House. Approved by Delegation.

Lancaster Court House. Approved by Delegation.

Farm Specials. Approved by Delegation.

Nursing Home Specials. Approved by Delegation.

Jail Specials. Approved by Delegation.

Interest on short term notes reduced from \$19,000.00 to \$15,000.00. Rep. Drake made this motion. Seconded by Rep. Wiswell.

Principal bonded debt. Approved by Delegation.

Delegation expenses. Motion by Rep. Drake cut from \$2,500.00 to \$2,000.00. Seconded by Rep. Poulin. All in favor.

County Reports. Motion by Rep. Horton to reduce by \$500.00. Seconded by Drake. All in favor.

Rep. Drake made a motion to table Revenue Sharing (Berlin Home Obligation) until next Delegation meeting. Seconded by Kidder.

Rep. Drake made a motion to accept reading of budget excepting those items laid on the table. Seconded by Rep. Wiswell.

Commissioner Brungot recommended that the full County Delegation should be attending public hearings.

Rep. Drake moved that the Commissioners, Supt. Bouchard, Fred King and Supt. Langell in conjunction with five members of Delegation, namely, Fortier, Oleson, Valliere, Drake and Huggins to meet with Governor and his staff. Also with Welfare Commissioner in the near future. Meeting adjourned 5:45.

Respectfully submitted,
Alcide E. Valliere, Clerk

DELEGATION MEETING

March 27, 1976

Meeting called by County Commissioners to resume work on proposed budget for 1976. Guy Fortier, Chairman of the Delegation, called the meeting to order promptly at 1:30 P.M.

A motion on transfer of patients between West Stewartstown and Berlin Homes was made by Rep. Oleson and seconded by Rep. Huggins. The Delegation voted 12 for and 1 against that transfer of patients from West Stewartstown Nursing Home to County Nursing Home in Berlin on a one for one basis. That is, when there is a new patient seeking admission at West Stewartstown then a patient in West Stewartstown could be transferred to the Berlin facility. Intent is to maintain patient census at 95% in West Stewartstown.

Proposed expenditures for the new home in Berlin for 1976.

Berlin Home	Start Up	\$57,730.00
Berlin Home	8 Months	\$688,023.00
Berlin Home	Equipment	\$95,000.00

Superintendent Langell and County Co-ordinator King explained each item to the Delegation's satisfaction.

Rep. Richardson moved to accept above figures and that was seconded by Rep. York. Unanimously approved by the Delegation.

Revenue Sharing Appropriations:

1.	Capital Improvements	
A.	Lancaster House	\$ 500.00
B.	Berlin Court House	1,000.00
C.	Farm	16,000.00
D.	Women's Jail	2,000.00
E.	West Stewartstown Home	5,000.00
2.	Jail Operations	35,000.00
3.	Berlin Home Operations	60,000.00

4. West Stewartstown Operations	40,000.00
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	\$160,000.00

Rep. Huggins moved to accept Revenue Sharing and seconded by Cooney. Motion carried.

Rep. Richardson moved that Council on Aging and R S V P remain as proposed at \$13,000.00. That motion was seconded by Rep. Poulin, however the Delegation voted to keep it at \$11,000.00 a reduction of \$2,000.00. The Delegation voted thusly - 8 in favor of reducing the amount to \$11,000.00 and 4 voted for the proposed amount. Rep. Horton moved to accept the amount of \$11,000.00 seconded by Rep. Kidder.

Rep. Richardson moved that the 1976 Budget be accepted as read and that was seconded by Rep. Poulin. Approved by the County Delegation.

Total Appropriation	\$ 2,523,906.00
Estimated Revenue	1,837,894.91
Total to be raised by taxation	686,011.09

The County Delegation authorized the County Commissioners to raise the amount of \$686,011.09 by taxation.

Present at the meeting were County Commissioners Corrigan and Bergeron. Superintendents of Nursing Homes, Bouchard and Langell, County Co-ordinator King and Representatives Guy Fortier, Otto Oleson, Harry Huggins, Rebecca Gagnon, Mable Richardson, George Lemire, Victor Kidder, Lynn Horton, Ernest Craggy, Richard Poulin, Elmer York, James Cooney and Alcide Valliere.

Chairman Fortier moved to adjourn meeting at 3:00 P.M. That was seconded by Rep. Lemire.

Respectfully submitted,
Alcide E. Valliere, Clerk

FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING

May 22, 1976

The Coos County Finance Committee met at the Coos County Nursing Home in West Stewartstown May 22, 1976 for reviewing the first quarterly report.

The meeting was called at 10:00 A.M. A quorum was present, namely Commissioners Brungot and Corrigan, County Co-ordinator Fred King; on the Finance Committee were Rep. Hunt, Huggins, Drake, Kidder, Burns, Richardson, Gagnon, Fortier, Oleson, York, and Valliere. Chairman Fortier read each item of the Commissioner's report and Co-ordinator Fred King answered questions from the Committee.

Rep. Gagnon made a motion to accept the expense sheet of the first quarterly report as read. Unanimously voted upon.

The revenue sheet for the first quarterly report was read by Chariman Fortier, There was a question and answer period.

Rep. Drake moved that revenue statement be accepted as read. That motion was seconded by Rep. Oleson. A unanimous vote by the Committee.

A motion to adjourn by Rep. Huggins and seconded by Rep. Burns was made at 11:45 A.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Alcide E. Valliere, Clerk

JAIL AND HOUSE OF CORRECTION COMMITTEE MEETING

June 17, 1976

Meeting was called to order at West Stewartstown Nursing Home in West Stewartstown, N. H. by Chairman Guy Fortier at 10:00 A.M.

Present: Chairman Guy Fortier, Roger Hunt and Harry Huggins. Absent was Harold Burns and Elmer York.

Also present were Commissioners Corrigan and Bergeron, Mr. Donald Sumner of Hershey Associates Architects, Mr. BenThompson of the Governor's Commission on Crime and Delinquency, Supt. Bouchard and Mr. Fred King.

Mr. Thompson explained that \$22,000.00 would be the only funds available which could be used and for TV monitoring system.

Rep. Hunt spoke of at least putting in exits on each side of the building as was recommended in the plans if full construction could not be afforded at this time as a stop gap. It was mentioned that the doors should open on the outside only.

Supt. Bouchard warned the committee that it was his responsibility to explain that the present building was not safe and the county could be liable if safety standards were not met and asked that it be so noted in the minutes.

Financing was discussed by short term notes, bonds and using revenue sharing money. Commissioner Bergeron suggested bonding for a 20 year period as the county would not be able to pay for it otherwise.

Mr. Thompson recommended making application for \$22,000. through the Crime Commission for the monitoring system.

Mr. Donald Sumner showed samples of material being used for ceilings which allowed space for wiring and piping and was a finished product on the outside.

After discussion it was recommended to call a delegation meeting to reallocate funds from revenue sharing to help pay construction costs and Mr. King said there was about \$32,000. received each quarter from revenue sharing.

Comm. Corrigan recommended the Commissioners look into the financing and get any information possible as to forthcoming requirements that might not be thought of at this time. It was decided to call a full delegation meeting before July 1, 1976 which could save some money.

Mr. King said it would cost about \$12,000 per year if bonded for a 20 year period. Chairman Fortier recommended a delegation meeting be held at the Berlin Court House June 26, 1976 at 10:00 A.M. and this was made in a motion by Rep. Huggins and seconded by Roger Hunt and voted in the affirmative. Meeting was adjourned by Chairman Fortier at 12:05 P.M.

Harry F. Huggins
Clerk for Committee

DELEGATION MEETING

June 26, 1976

Meeting called to order by Chairman Fortier for the purpose of reconsidering our vote on 1976 Federal Revenue Funds. Meeting held at the Berlin Court House.

Be it resolved that Federal Revenue Funds for the 1976 budget year be expended as follows:

Resolution — June 26, 1976

1.	Lancaster Court House Improvements	\$ 500.00
2.	Berlin Court House Improvements	1,000.00
3.	Farm Improvements	16,000.00
4.	Women's Jail Improvements	2,000.00
5.	Jail Operations	110,000.00
6.	County Welfare Operations	19,500.00
7.	Soldier's Aid	11,000.00
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		\$160,000.00

Chairman Fortier requested Clerk Valliere to read the resolution prior to a vote by the County Delegation.

RESOLUTION:

Be it resolved that the Commissioners of Coos County be authorized to enter into a contractual agreement with the N. H. Office of Manpower affairs for the operation of programs under the comprehensive employment and training act of 1973, said contract to be reviewed by the Coos County Commissioners and the Coos County Finance Committee prior to its expiration date and a subsequent contract with the N. H. Office of Manpower affairs to be negotiated and signed by the Commissioners upon approval of the Coos County Finance Committee. It is expressly understood that the County Commissioners as part of their duties are authorized to administer these CETA Programs through a third party, the Tri-County Council.

The vote was unanimous in favor of the Resolution. Questions were asked by Reps. Drake, Kidder, Oleson, Fortier, Wiswell, Richardson. County Co-ordinator King answered to the Representatives satisfaction.

Paul Lacasse spoke on eligibility of employment for Manpower Program.

Commissioner Thomas Corrigan and County Co-ordinator King were present.

Representatives present were Guy Fortier, Otto Oleson, Harry Huggins, Mable Richardson, George Lemire, Victor Kidder, Arthur Drake, Lynn Horton, Ernest Craggy, James Cooney, Alcide Valliere, and Marguerite Wiswell.

George Lemire moved that we adjourn and James Cooney seconded the motion at 11:30 A.M.

Respectfully submitted,
Alcide E. Valliere, Clerk

FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING August 7, 1976

The Finance Committee Meeting was held at the Coos County Nursing Home in Berlin for the reviewing of the 2nd quarterly report from January 1, 1976 to June 10, 1976.

Meeting was called to order at 10:30 by Chairman Guy Fortier. A quorum was present, namely Otto Oleson, Guy Fortier, Harry Huggins, Roger Hunt, Victor Kidder and Alcide Valliere. Commissioners present were Norman Brungot and Rene Bergeron. County Co-ordinator Fred King also present. Superintendent Bouchard of the West Stewartstown Nursing Home and Mr. Langell of the new Nursing Home in Berlin and John Morton, County Treasurer were present. Chairman Fortier read the balance sheet and Commissioner Brungot and Co-ordinator King were asked to explain some of the items that were not clear to the Delegation.

A motion by Rep. Hunt and seconded by Rep. Huggins accepting the quarterly report as read. Delegation approved. The Finance Committee authorized the Commissioners to transfer the sum of \$135.00 from the crime abatement account for architectural work on the jail and the sum of \$95.00 for matching funds for two (2) portable radios for the jail. Amount involved, \$230.00. The Delegation approved the transaction.

Superintendent Langell explained the reason for low revenue for the quarterly report ending June 10, 1976. The home was opened to the public later than anticipated. Mr. Langell said that as of August 8 there were 83 patients registered in the new home.

Co-ordinator King asked the Finance Committee members to write to Durkin and McIntyre and asked them to support Bill HR-9719 when it was presented to them. The committee voted in favor. It is resolved that the Finance Committee authorize the Commissioners to transfer the sum of \$95,000.00 from the Berlin Nursing Home Equipment Fund into the Berlin Nursing Home start up fund and the sum of \$57,730.00 to be transferred

from the start up fund into the equipment fund. This is being done at the request of the J. E. Rich Co., the county's accounting firm. Motion by Rep. Kidder and seconded by Rep. Oleson. This was approved by the committee unanimously.

The State Tax Commission has agreed to reassess the unincorporated towns and Co-ordinator King enumerated the benefits to be derived from this action.

Commissioner Brungot explained to the committee the reason for the delay in mailing out the balance sheet to the Finance Committee members. The auditors were two weeks late and they did not complete their work until August 6, giving them two days to prepare for the August 7 meeting. Meeting adjourned at 1:30. Motion by Kidder and Hunt.

A copy of this report to be sent to members absent, Rep. Gagnon, Burns, Drake, York, Richardson.

Respectfully submitted,
Alcide E. Valliere, Clerk

JAIL AND HOUSE OF CORRECTION COMMITTEE MEETING

October 22, 1976

Meeting was called to order at 1:15 P.M. by Chairman Guy Fortier at the Coos County Nursing Home in Berlin, N. H.

Members of the committee present were Guy Fortier, Roger Hunt, and Harry F. Huggins. Commissioners Brungot, Bergeron, and Corrigan were present, also Fred King, Co-ordinator.

Fred King gave a report of the last meeting. He reported that Congress has passed a bill to allow funds in the amount of eighty to one hundred million dollars that was available especially in areas of high unemployment. Applications had been made for some of these funds, but a delegation meeting would have to be called to vote to accept the money. Projects would have to start within ninety days after approval and plans had to be made prior to the approval to obtain the funds. If projects were over \$400,000 dollars, Federal wages would have to be paid.

Mr. King stated that 70% of this money would be spent in areas of high unemployment and many places were applying for funds.

Discussions followed and Chairman Fortier said a meeting of the full delegation and the Finance Committee would be called to meet at the Coos County Nursing Home in West Stewartstown, N. H. at 10:00 A.M.

Harry F. Huggins,
Clerk of Jail Committee

DELEGATION MEETING

October 30, 1976

Meeting held at Nursing Home in West Stewartstown. Called to order at 11:30 A.M. A proclamation by County Treasurer, John Morton which read as follows:

Be it resolved that the delegation of Coos County find that if the funds of said Coos County are insufficient to meet the financial obligations of said County, that the County Treasurer, with the authority of the County Commissioners shall be authorized to borrow money in the amount not to exceed the total appropriation of said budget as passed for Fiscal 1976.

The above listed borrowing shall be for a period not to exceed one year and to be a part of the Fiscal 1977 Budget. The Commissioners shall poll the Finance Committee prior to said borrowing.

A motion to accept above proclamation made by Rep. Cooney and seconded by Rep. Gagnon. The full delegation agreed.

A motion to adjourn was made by Rep. Burns and seconded by Rep. Horton. The Delegation voted in favor. The meeting adjourned at 12:30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,
Alcide E. Valliere, Clerk

FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING AND DELEGATION MEETING

October 30, 1976

Meeting held at the Nursing Home in West Stewartstown. Present at meeting were Commissioners Corrigan and Brungot, Superintendent Bouchard, County Co-ordinator King, and the County Treasurer John Morton. The following Representatives were present: Fortier, Oleson, Valliere, Kidder and Drake. The meeting was called to order at 10:00 A.M. by Chairman Fortier. Co-ordinator Fred King explained to the Committee the work to be done at the jail to make it acceptable to the Crime Commission and also to meet the prison code.

MOTION No. 1

Be it resolved that the Finance Committee of the Coos County Delegation authorizes the Board of Coos County Commissioners to transfer \$11,000.00 from the cash capital reserve fund into the general fund and further authorizes the Commis-

sioners to expend such funds for the preparation of plans and specifications for renovation of the County Jail and House of Correction. The final authorization for expenditure for this purpose is subject to approval by the delegation of Coos County.

A motion was made by Rep. Drake and seconded by Rep. Hunt and accepted by other members to approve resolution #1.

MOTION No. 2

Be it resolved that the Delegation of Coos County authorizes the Board of County Commissioners to apply for, receive, accept, appropriate and expend Federal Funds and or State Funds for the renovation of the Coos County Jail and House of Correction. Such funds may be but are not limited to funds available under Local Public Works Capital Development and Investment Program P. L. 94-369 Section 107.

Rep. Drake moved to accept resolution No. 2, seconded by Rep. Huggins and voted in favor by Committee.

MOTION No. 3

Be it resolved that the Delegation of Coos County authorizes the Coos County Commissioners to enter into an agreement with Mr. Donald Sumner of Hershey Associates, Durham, N. H. for professional architectural services including the preparation of plans and specifications for renovations of the County Jail and House of Correction, West Stewartstown, N. H.

Resolution No. 3 was voted favorably after a motion was made by Rep. Drake and seconded by Rep. Oleson.

Superintendent Bouchard took members of the Committee on a tour of the Jail and explained to us the renovations to be made.

Chairman Fortier read each item on the Budget, some were within their approved amount, a few items will be overdrawn, but that is beyond our control.

Rep. Drake bade us farewell as this was his last meeting. He is retiring after many years in the Legislature, mostly on the Finance Committee. Arthur will be sorely missed.

A motion by Rep. Kidder to accept 3rd quarterly report, seconded by Rep. York.

The Committee voted in favor.

The meeting adjourned at 11:30 A.M.

Respectfully submitted,
Alcide E. Valliere, Clerk

DELEGATION MEETING

December 1, 1976

Meeting of the Coos County Legislative Delegation was held on December 1, 1976 in Room 201 in the State House in Concord, N. H. immediately after adjournment of the House for organizational purposes.

Meeting called to order by Chairman Fortier. Roll call found the following members present: Representatives: Fortier, Huggins, Richardson, Hunt, Burns, Valliere, Horton, Patenaude, Wiswell, Poulin, York, Cooney, Haynes, Woodward, Keough, Willey.

Chairman Fortier called for nomination for the Chairman. Rep. York nominated Guy Fortier and that motion was seconded by Rep. Lemire. Delegation voted in the affirmative. Rep. Patenaude moved to nominate Rep. Oleson for Vice Chairman. Rep. Poulin seconded the motion. All in favor. Rep. Huggins placed the name of Alcide Valliere to serve as Clerk. The move was seconded by Rep. Hunt. Favorably voted on.

The first duty of Chairman Fortier was to name the Finance Committee for the ensuing two years. They are as follows: Representatives: Fortier, Oleson, Valliere, Huggins, Wiswell, Hunt, Burns, Richardson, York, Poulin and Horton.

Everyone signed a get well card for Vice Chairman Oleson who is recuperating in the hospital.

A motion to adjourn was made by Rep. Burns, seconded by Rep. Cooney. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Alcide E. Valliere, Clerk

1977 BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING

December 18, 1976

Chairman Guy Fortier called the meeting at the Berlin Court House promptly at 10 A.M. Officials present were Commissioners Brungot and Corrigan. Commissioner-elect Marie Hawkinson was in the audience. Superintendents Bouchard and Langell as well as Co-ordinator King were also there. County Treasurer Morton was present.

Representatives present were Guy Fortier, Rep. Cooney, Rep. Valliere, Rep. Horton, Rep. Patnaude, and Rep. Willey.

Chairman Fortier read each item in the budget and questions were asked by Richard Ramsay, Rep. Patnaude, Glen Eastman, Mrs. MacDowell, Mr. Lamoureux, Mr. Sweeney, Peter Riviera, Bruce Sloat, Rep. Horton. Barbara Tiews of Whitefield requested the sum of \$4,000 which would be increased by \$8,000 from Federal Agency for a Day Care Center in Whitefield servicing surrounding communities; this would be used for new staff members, increasing salaries of present staff.

Supt. Bouchard explained the reason for increases in various items; Supt. Langell also spoke on his budget increases. Ed Lavernoch, Director of Home Care Agency in Berlin requested a \$10,000 funding to help cripples and elderly in this region. This item will be taken up at the coming delegation meeting in West Stewartstown. Superintendent Bouchard explained the reason for a drop in revenues. It seems that the state had committed to pay 95% of welfare patients but they reneged on their obligation by reimbursing the county with between 89 and 91%. John Morton explained that unincorporated towns are presently not paying any taxes. This matter will be taken up at the State House with the new legislature convening in January.

There were 57 persons present. A motion by Rep. Cooney to adjourn was seconded by Rep. Patnaude. The meeting adjourned at 11:45 A.M.

Respectfully submitted,
Alcide E. Valliere, Clerk

1976 BUDGET AS APPROVED BY THE COOS COUNTY DELEGATION

EXPENDITURES

Account Name	1976 Proposed Budget	1976 Approved Budget
Commissioner's Salaries	\$ 12,600.00	\$ 10,200.00
Treasurer's Salary	1,500.00	1,500.00
Administration Expense	26,240.00	24,000.00
Attorney's Salary	10,000.00	6,000.00
Attorney's Expense	5,850.00	5,650.00
Audit Expense	5,000.00	5,000.00
Register of Deeds	5,762.00	5,300.00
Register of Probate	3,220.00	3,220.00
Sheriff's Salary	2,000.00	2,000.00
Sheriff's Clerk	9,840.00	4,000.00
Sheriff's Office Expense	4,090.00	3,500.00
Sheriff's Court Attendance	5,000.00	5,000.00
Deputies Court Attendance	7,000.00	7,000.00
Sheriff's Investigation	14,000.00	11,000.00
Deputies Investigation	16,000.00	9,000.00
Training of Officers	1,000.00	1,000.00
Bonds	500.00	500.00
Medical Referees	3,705.00	3,500.00
Berlin Court House	16,282.00	14,282.00
Berlin Court House Specials	1,000.00	1,000.00
Lancaster Court House	14,322.00	14,322.00
Lancaster Court House Specials	500.00	500.00
Superior Court Law Books	2,000.00	1,000.00
Jury Payrolls	12,000.00	10,000.00
Masters Fees	1,000.00	1,000.00
Court Stenographer	10,000.00	10,000.00
Witness Fees	1,500.00	1,500.00
Clerk's Office Expense	35,000.00	35,000.00
Clerk's Social Security	1,500.00	1,500.00
Welfare Administration	10,755.00	10,755.00
Board & Care Children	28,500.00	27,000.00
Old Age Assistance	131,300.00	131,300.00
Soldier's Aid	15,000.00	14,000.00
County Welfare	35,000.00	35,000.00
Nursing Hospital Stewartstown	803,400.00	813,400.00
Nursing Hospital Specials	5,000.00	5,000.00
Jail & House of Correction	121,500.00	116,500.00
Jail & House Specials	2,000.00	2,000.00

Farm	152,300.00	147,300.00
Farm Specials	16,000.00	16,000.00
Nursing Home Berlin	700,000.00	688,023.00
Nursing Home Start Up	—	95,000.00
Nursing Home Equipment	—	57,730.00
Extension Service	48,174.00	48,174.00
Soil Conservation	7,750.00	7,750.00
Crime Abatement	1,000.00	1,000.00
Council on Aging (C.A.P.)	7,000.00	7,000.00
R.S.V.P.	6,000.00	4,000.00
Interest - Short Term Notes	19,000.00	15,000.00
Principal Bonded Debt	80,000.00	80,000.00
County Reports	3,000.00	2,500.00
Delegation Expense	2,500.00	2,500.00
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TOTAL EXPENDITURES	2,423,590.00	2,523,906.00

INCOME

Account Name	Estimated Revenue	Approved Revenue
Nursing Hospital Stewartstown	625,000.00	770,000.00
Farm	100,000.00	100,000.00
Nursing Hospital Berlin	500,000.00	530,392.00
Nursing Home Construction		
Surplus	—	70,000.00
Nursing Home Start Up	95,000.00	95,000.00
Court Fines	7,000.00	7,000.00
B & C Children Reimbursements	1,500.00	1,500.00
Berlin Court House Rents	4,800.00	4,800.00
Other Income	30,000.00	30,000.00
Revenue Sharing	160,000.00	160,000.00
Surplus (1975)	85,000.00	69,203.00
County Taxes	815,290.00	686,011.00
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TOTALS	2,423,590.00	2,523,906.00

REAL ESTATE INVENTORY

COOS COUNTY APPRAISAL — DECEMBER 1976

Description	Estimated Sound Value
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INSTITUTION BUILDINGS, West Stewartstown

Nursing Hospital	\$ 779,700.00
Jail and House of Correction	197,300.00
Frame and Tile, Hay and Cow Barn	69,525.00
Tile Piggery	10,000.00
Frame Garage, 125 ft. North of Barn	3,000.00
Frame Manure House	500.00
Frame Poultry House, North of Piggery	1,000.00
Frame Implement Shed	100.00
Superintendent's Home	30,000.00
Land	100,000.00

COURT HOUSES:

Main Street, Lancaster	285,500.00
Main Street, Berlin	245,300.00

NURSING HOME, Berlin	2,000,000.00
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\$3,721,925.00

TREASURER'S FINANCIAL REPORT

BALANCE SHEET, DECEMBER 31, 1976

ASSETS

Cash - General Fund	\$ 61,637.87	
Cash - Payroll Account	784.31	
Petty Cash - Berlin Office	100.00	
Petty Cash - Berlin Home	55.00	
Petty Cash - West Stewartstown	500.00	
Petty Cash - Sheriff's Office	100.00	
Petty Cash - Lancaster Office	50.00	
Patient Funds - Berlin Home	4,998.02	
Cash - Berlin Home Construction, Checking Account	39,137.59	
Cash - Extension Service	2,000.00	
Cash - Capital Reserve Fund	11,000.00	
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TOTAL CASH		\$120,362.79
Accounts Receivable Stewartstown	80,674.92	
Accounts Receivable Berlin	62,237.47	
Accounts Receivable Other	2,661.08	
Accounts Receivable Hill-Burton	60,000.00	
Accounts Receivable Anti- Recession Funds	2,375.00	
Accounts Receivable Crime Commission	3,320.00	
Taxes due from State of N. H. for Unincorporated Towns	3,567.07	
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TOTAL RECEIVABLES		214,835.54
Inventories Stewartstown	56,871.43	
Inventories Berlin	21,953.26	
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TOTAL INVENTORIES		78,824.69
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TOTAL		\$414,023.02

LIABILITIES

Exchange Account		\$ 179.80
Capital Reserve Funds		11,000.00
Accounts Payable		139,514.85
Accounts Payable Berlin Nursing		
Home Construction		42,644.29
Accounts Payable Payroll Deductions		
Social Security	\$ 17,185.33	
Blue Cross - Blue Shield	555.45	
Retirement	1,941.03	
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		19,681.81
Patient Funds - Berlin		4,998.02
Reserve Accounts Receivable		
West Stewartstown	80,674.92	
Berlin	62,237.47	
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		142,912.39
Reserve for Inventories		
West Stewartstown	56,871.43	
Berlin	21,953.26	
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		78,824.69
SURPLUS - UNAPPROPRIATED		(25,732.83)
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TOTAL		\$414,023.02

JOHN D. MORTON

County Treasurer

STATEMENT OF BONDED DEBT

Showing Annual Maturities of Outstanding Debt

Nursing Home Debt -		
Original Amount	\$1,000,000.00	
Rate of Interest - 7.2%		
Nursing Home Debt		
Original Amount		\$600,000.00
Rate of Interest - 8.5%		
Payments: 1977	50,000.00	30,000.00
1978	50,000.00	30,000.00
1979	50,000.00	30,000.00
1980	50,000.00	30,000.00
1981	50,000.00	30,000.00
1982	50,000.00	30,000.00
1983	50,000.00	30,000.00
1984	50,000.00	30,000.00
1985	55,000.00	30,000.00
1986	55,000.00	30,000.00
1987	55,000.00	30,000.00
1988	55,000.00	30,000.00
1989	55,000.00	30,000.00
1990	55,000.00	30,000.00
1991	55,000.00	30,000.00
1992	55,000.00	30,000.00
1993	55,000.00	30,000.00
1994	55,000.00	30,000.00
1995		30,000.00
Balance Due Dec. 31, 1976	\$950,000.00	\$570,000.00

JOHN D. MORTON
County Treasurer

REVENUE SHARING REPORT

Unencumbered Funds on Hand, Jan. 1, 1976	\$ 30,945.54	
Encumbered Funds for Berlin Nursing Home Start-up	95,000.00	
Receipts from Federal Government - 1976	99,337.00	
Fourth Quarter Payment - 1976	18,800.00	
Interest Earned - 1976	3,338.68	
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Total Available Funds - 1976		\$247,421.22
Transfers to General Fund - 1976		
Berlin Nursing Home Startup	\$ 95,000.00	
Berlin Courthouse Improvements	285.00	
Farm Improvements	16,000.00	
County Welfare Operations	19,500.00	
Soldiers Aid	11,000.00	
Jail & H.C. Operations	105,636.22	
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		\$247,421.22
Balance on Hand December 31, 1976		None

JOHN D. MORTON
County Treasurer

CRIME COMMISSION GRANTS

1976

	Receipts	Expenditures
Balance on Hand, Jan. 1, 1976		None
Grant # 76 I A 1229 CO2 (d)		\$ 1,952.00
Crime Commission Funds	\$ 1,799.00	
County Matching Funds		
(crime abatement)	153.00	
2 Portable Radios to be used for Prisoner Control		
Grant # 74 A 377 HO6		2,700.00
Crime Commission Funds	2,565.00	
County Matching Funds		
(crime abatement)	135.00	
Preparation of preliminary plans for jail and House of Correc- tions renovations		
Grant # 76 I A 1228 CO2 (d)		3,636.98
*Crime Commission Funds	3,320.00	
County Matching Funds		
(crime abatement)	316.98	
3 Portable Radios for Sheriff's Dept.		
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	\$ 8,288.98	\$ 8,288.98

*These funds were due from the State of New Hampshire's Governor's Commission on Crime and Delinquency on December 31, 1976.

Balance on hand December 31, 1976 None

JOHN D. MORTON
County Treasurer

Coos County Nursing Home – Berlin



Saturday, May 15, 1976 the Coos County Nursing Home on Cates Hill Road in Berlin was dedicated and on the following Monday the first resident was admitted. In the above picture Chairman of the Board of County Commissioners, Norman S. Brungot, D.V.M. addresses the public and guests prior to the ribbon cutting ceremony.

FINAL CONSTRUCTION REPORT

Available Funds:

County Bonds	\$1,600,000.00
Hill-Burton Funds	600,000.00
Income from sale of plans	2,523.64
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	\$2,202,523.64

Expenditures:

Building and Site Work	\$1,777,944.23
Movable Equipment	75,500.00
Architectural Fees	140,943.43
Clerk of the Works	23,046.28
Land Costs	7,000.00
Water System	88,258.58
Service Building	30,413.74
Contingency Items	2,924.08
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	\$2,146,030.34

Expenditures Less than Income (Surplus)	<hr/> 56,493.30.
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JOHN D. MORTON
County Treasurer

Coos County Report

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Martin's Location	.06	41.16
Millsfield	.77	528.23
Odell	.72	493.93
Pinkham's Grant	2.03	1,392.60
Sargent's Purchase	.15	102.90
Second College Grant	.35	240.10
Success	.75	514.51
Thompson & Meserve		
Purchase	.58	397.89
Wentworth Location	1.47	1,008.44

	<u>10.97</u>		<u>7,525.55</u>
	<u>10.97</u>		<u>7,525.55</u>

\$	1,000.00	\$	686,011.09
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COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS AND EXPENDITURES — 1976

	1976 Approp.	1976 Expend.	Surplus	Overdraft
1. GENERAL GOVERNMENT				
2. Commissioners' Salaries	10,200.00	10,200.00		
3. Treasurer's Salary	1,500.00	1,500.00		
4. Attorney's Salary	6,000.00	6,000.00		
5. Sheriff's Salary	2,000.00	2,000.00		
6. Commissioners' Off. Exp.	24,000.00	23,006.35	993.65	
7. Audit Expense	5,000.00	5,568.90		568.90
8. County Reports	2,500.00	1,748.55	751.45	
9. ATTORNEY'S EXPENSE	5,650.00	6,327.19		677.19
10. MEDICAL REFEREES	3,500.00	3,933.51		433.51
11. REGISTER OF DEEDS	5,300.00	5,565.70		265.70
12. REGISTER OF PROBATE	3,220.00	3,302.42		82.42
13. SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT	41,000.00	52,419.21		11,419.21
14. SUPERIOR COURT	60,000.00	63,493.27		3,493.27
15. BERLIN COURT HOUSE	14,282.00	15,601.16		1,319.16
16. LANCASTER COURT HOUSE	14,322.00	14,435.63		113.63
17. PUBLIC WELFARE:				
18. Welfare Administration	10,755.00	10,355.77	399.23	
19. Children's Aid	27,000.00	24,539.17	2,460.83	
20. Old Age Assistance	131,300.00	160,811.31		29,511.31
21. Soldier's Aid	14,000.00	6,919.47	7,080.53	
22. County Welfare	35,000.00	39,881.09		4,881.09

	1976 Approp.	1976 Expend.	Surplus	Overdraft
23. STEWARTSTOWN NURS- ING HOSPITAL	813,400.00	795,756.17	17,643.83	
24. JAIL & HOUSE OF CORRECTION	116,500.00	122,771.27		6,271.27
25. FARM	147,300.00	137,910.61	9,389.39	
26. BERLIN NURSING HOME	688,023.00	536,090.40	151,932.60	
27. EXTENSION SERVICE	48,174.00	47,840.83	333.17	
28. SOIL CONSERVATION SERVICE	7,750.00	7,685.92	64.08	
29. SPECIAL REQUESTS:				
30. Council on Aging	7,000.00	7,000.00		
31. R.S.V.P.	4,000.00	4,000.00		
32. CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS:				
33. Berlin Court House	1,000.00	285.00	715.00	
34. Lancaster Court House	500.00		500.00	
35. Nursing Hospital	5,000.00	2,680.97	2,319.03	
36. Jail & House of Correction	2,000.00		2,000.00	
37. Farm	16,000.00	16,843.18		843.18
38. Nursing Home Startup	95,000.00	96,776.36		1,776.36
39. Nursing Home Equipment	57,730.00	44,713.32	13,016.68	
40. DEBT SERVICE:				
41. Interest Short Term Notes	15,000.00	13,107.75	1,892.25	
42. Principal Bonded Debt	80,000.00	80,000.00		

	1976 Approp.	1976 Expend.	Surplus	Overdraft
43. CRIME ABATEMENT	1,000.00	3,771.98		2,771.98
44. DELEGATION EXPENSE	2,000.00	2,235.76		235.76
45. TOTAL	<u>2,523,906.00</u>	<u>2,377,078.22</u>	<u>211,491.72</u>	<u>64,663.94</u>
46. EXPENDITURES LESS THAN APPROPRIATIONS			146,827.78	

1977 PROPOSED BUDGET

PRESENTED AT PUBLIC HEARING - DECEMBER 18, 1976

	Approved Budget 1976	Expendi- tures 1976	Proposed Budget 1977	Actual Revenue 1976	Estimated Revenue 1977
GENERAL GOVERNMENT:					
1. Commissioners' Salaries	10,200.00	10,200.00	10,200.00		
2. Treasurer's Salary	1,500.00	1,500.00	2,500.00		
3. Attorney's Salary	6,000.00	6,000.00	10,000.00		
4. Sheriff's Salary	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00		
5. Commissioner's Office Exp.	24,000.00	23,006.35	25,600.00		
6. Audit Expense	5,000.00	5,568.90	5,500.00		
7. County Reports	2,500.00	1,748.55	2,500.00		
8. Attorney's Expense	5,650.00	6,327.19	6,550.00		
9. Medical Referees	3,500.00	3,933.51	4,150.00		
10. Register of Deeds	5,300.00	5,565.70	5,800.00		
11. Register of Probate	3,220.00	3,302.42	4,050.00		
SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT:					
12. Clerk	4,000.00	4,384.21	9,500.00		
13. Office Expense	3,500.00	4,193.44	5,880.00		
14. Sheriff Court Attendance	5,000.00	4,424.10	5,000.00		
15. Deputies Court Attendance	7,000.00	9,843.93	10,000.00		
16. Sheriff Investigations	11,000.00	11,887.37	14,000.00		
17. Deputies Investigations	9,000.00	17,173.16	16,000.00		

	Approved Budget 1976	Expendi- tures 1976	Proposed Budget 1977	Actual Revenue 1976	Estimated Revenue 1977
20. Training of Officers	1,000.00	-	1,000.00		
21. Bonds	500.00	513.00	500.00		
22. SUPERIOR COURT:				5,355.00	5,000.00
23. Law Books	1,000.00	1,018.10	1,000.00		
24. Jury Pay Rolls	10,000.00	12,010.45	13,000.00		
25. Witness Fees	1,500.00	1,615.25	1,900.00		
26. Masters Fees	1,000.00	2,652.58	1,500.00		
27. Stenographers	10,000.00	11,893.78	14,000.00		
28. Clerks Office Expense	35,000.00	32,915.04	35,000.00		
29. Clerks Social Security	1,500.00	1,388.07	1,500.00		
30. COURT HOUSE EXPENSES:					
31. Berlin	14,282.00	15,601.16	16,790.00		
32. Lancaster	14,322.00	14,435.63	16,200.00		
33. PUBLIC WELFARE:					
34. Administration	10,755.00	10,355.77	12,000.00		
35. Children's Aid	27,000.00	24,539.17	27,000.00	1,120.00	1,350.00
36. Old Age Assistance	131,300.00	160,811.31	263,000.00		
37. Soldier's Aid	14,000.00	6,919.47	15,000.00		
38. County Welfare	35,000.00	39,881.09	35,000.00		
39. NURSING HOSPITAL (Stewartstown)	813,400.00	795,756.17	886,070.00	766,139.46	700,000.00
40. JAIL & HOUSE OF CORRECTION	116,500.00	122,771.27	133,850.00	5,274.00	

	Approved Budget 1976	Expendi- tures 1976	Proposed Budget 1977	Actual Revenue 1976	Estimated Revenue 1977
41. FARM	147,300.00	137,910.61	150,600.00	105,862.38	100,000.00
42. NURSING HOME (Berlin)	688,023.00	536,090.40	1,196,150.00	476,457.04	903,000.00
43. EXTENSION SERVICE	48,174.00	47,840.83	52,180.00		
44. SOIL CONSERVATION	7,750.00	7,685.92	8,335.00		
45. SPECIAL REQUESTS:					
46. Council on Aging	7,000.00	7,000.00	10,000.00		
47. Family Planning			2,500.00		
48. R.S.V.P.	4,000.00	4,000.00	5,000.00		
49. * Home Care - Berlin			10,000.00		
50. * Whitefield - Day Care			4,000.00		
51. CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS:					
52. Berlin Court House	1,000.00	285.00	9,500.00		
53. Lancaster Court House	500.00		500.00		
54. Nursing Hospital	5,000.00	2,680.97	47,365.00		
55. Jail & House of Correction	2,000.00				
56. Farm	16,000.00	16,843.18	16,770.00		
57. Nursing Home Startup	95,000.00	96,776.36		95,000.00	
58. Nursing Home Equipment	57,730.00	44,713.32		56,493.30	
59. DEBT SERVICE:					
60. Interest Short Term Notes	15,000.00	13,107.75	15,000.00		
61. Principal Bonded Debt	80,000.00	80,000.00	80,000.00		
62. CRIME ABATEMENT	1,000.00	3,771.98	1,000.00		

	Approved Budget 1976	Expendi- tures 1976	Proposed Budget 1977	Actual Revenue 1976	Estimated Revenue 1977
63. DELEGATION EXPENSE	2,000.00	2,235.76	2,500.00		
64. MISCELLANEOUS INCOME				27,955.99	30,000.00
65. BERLIN COURT HOUSE RENTS				4,880.04	4,800.00
66. REVENUE SHARING				152,383.72	120,000.00
67. SURPLUS USED TO REDUCE TAXES				69,202.91	34,303.00
68. AMOUNT TO BE RAISED BY TAXES				686,011.09	1,326,487.00
69. TOTALS	2,523,906.00	2,377,078.22	3,224,940.00	2,452,134.93	3,224,940.00

* Additions to Proposed Budget Resulting from Requests Presented at Public Hearing

1976 DETAIL OF INCOME

Account	Actual Income
1. Nursing Hospital - Stewartstown	\$ 766,139.46
2. Jail and House of Correction	775.00
3. Jail and House of Correction - Crime Commission Funds	4,499.00
4. Farm	105,862.38
5. Nursing Home - Berlin	476,457.04
6. Rental Income - Berlin Courthouse	4,880.04
7. Superior Court Fines	5,355.00
8. Children's Aid Refund	1,120.00
9. OTHER INCOME:	
10. Motor Vehicle Taxes	4,637.72
11. Resident Taxes	799.00
12. Room and Meals Tax	725.91
13. Bank Tax	5,174.54
14. Old Age Assistance	694.03
15. Welfare Reimbursement	10.70
16. Interest - Capital Reserve Fund	523.96
17. Interest - Bond Investments	9,695.13
18. Crime Commission	3,320.00
19. Federal Anti-Recession Funds	2,375.00
20.	<hr/> 27,955.99
21. Nursing Home Start-Up Capital Reserve	95,000.00
22. Nursing Home Construction Surplus	56,493.30
23. Federal Revenue Sharing Funds	152,383.72
24. 1975 Surplus Used to Reduce Taxes	69,202.91
25. 1976 Property Taxes	686,011.09
26. TOTAL	<hr/> \$2,452,134.93

DETAIL OF EXPENDITURES

1976

Commissioners:

Norman S. Brungot, D.V.M.	
Chairman	\$ 3,400.00
Thomas R. Corrigan, Clerk	3,400.00
Rene R. Bergeron	3,400.00

Treasurer:

John D. Morton	1,500.00
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Attorney:

Pierre J. Morin	6,000.00
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Sheriff:

Emile A. Martineau	2,000.00
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\$19,700.00

Medical Referees and Associates:

3,933.51

Commissioners' Office Expense:

Salary - Coordinator	12,646.38
Social Security	1,537.91
Blue Cross - Blue Shield	368.71
Retirement	338.93
Workman's Compensation	348.36
Office Supplies	472.91
Other Supplies	269.60
Telephone	1,407.00
Travel, Dues, Etc.	1,452.20
Travel - Coordinator	2,256.35
Officers Liability Insurance	1,908.00
Equipment	

23,006.35

County Audit Expense:

J. E. Rich & Company	5,568.90
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County Report Expense:

1,748.55

County Attorney's Expense:

Social Security	351.00
Clerical	2,708.29

Other Expenses	3,267.90	
	<hr/>	6,327.19

Register of Deeds:

Social Security	1,409.56	
Printing & Record Books	1,664.66	
Office Supplies	719.81	
Telephone	314.09	
Equipment Rental	1,457.58	
	<hr/>	5,565.70

Register of Probate:

Clerical	150.00	
Social Security	201.16	
Blue Cross - Blue Shield	32.16	
Office Supplies	1,653.51	
Telephone	352.05	
Equipment	913.54	
	<hr/>	3,302.42

Sheriff's Department:

Salary - Clerk	4,384.21	
Social Security	374.36	
Blue Cross - Blue Shield	46.25	
Retirement	21.47	
Workman's Compensation	1,071.31	
Uniforms	318.50	
Office Supplies & Dues	434.94	
Communication	1,891.61	
Equipment	35.00	
Sheriff's Court Attendance	4,424.10	
Deputies Court Attendance	9,843.93	
Sheriff's Investigations & Travel	11,887.37	
Deputies Investigations & Travel	17,173.16	
Bonds	513.00	
	<hr/>	52,419.21

Superior Court:

Clerk's Office Expense	32,915.04	
Law Books	1,018.10	
Jury Payrolls	12,010.45	
Masters' Fees	2,652.58	
Court Stenographers	11,893.78	
Witness Fees	1,615.25	

Social Security	1,388.07	
	<hr/>	63,493.27

Berlin Court House:

Custodian Salaries	5,487.95	
Social Security	320.96	
Workman's Compensation	170.40	
Supplies	952.03	
Repairs	640.03	
Electricity & Water	788.96	
Electric Heat	1,774.45	
Fuel Oil	4,218.35	
Plowing and Sanding	219.50	
Insurance	1,028.53	
	<hr/>	15,601.16

Lancaster Court House:

Custodian Salaries	5,213.95	
Social Security	305.11	
Blue Cross - Blue Shield	296.39	
Workman's Compensation	168.63	
Rubbish Removal	108.00	
Supplies	852.73	
Repairs	405.17	
Electricity	1,267.01	
Fuel Oil	4,255.87	
Plowing and Sanding	146.00	
Insurance	1,416.77	
	<hr/>	14,435.63

Welfare Administration:

Salary - Clerk	8,875.39	
Social Security	519.11	
Blue Cross - Blue Shield	206.80	
Retirement	22.19	
Workman's Compensation	21.88	
Office Supplies	122.48	
Telephone	554.33	
Equipment	—	
Other Supplies	33.59	
	<hr/>	10,355.77

County Welfare:

Food	8,973.37
Clothing & Footwear	245.64
Board & Care	835.00
Medical	8,999.85
Electricity & Water	1,679.72
Fuel	2,125.47
Rent	13,720.89
Other	3,301.15

39,881.09**Soldiers Aid:**

Food	2,378.09
Clothing & Footwear	182.59
Board & Care	—
Medical	22.86
Electricity & Water	529.63
Fuel	354.10
Rent	3,441.50
Other	10.70

6,919.47**Old Age Assistance:**

OAA - Aliens	598.23
APTD 7 APTD Medical	7,500.51
Medicaid	152,712.57

160,811.31**Children's Aid:**

Clothing & Footwear	31.41
Board & Care	24,507.76
Medical	—
Other	—

24,539.17**Extension Services:**

Salaries - Agents	8,187.03
Salaries - Clerical	24,176.14
Salaries - Work Study	285.70
Salary - Asst. Forester	450.00
Social Security	642.30
Workman's Compensation	79.00
Supplies	2,767.33
Communication	2,453.87

Travel	7,362.39	
Council Travel	149.94	
Equipment Repairs	204.30	
Rent	63.50	
Insurance	69.00	
New Equipment	950.33	
	<hr/>	47,840.83
Soil Conservation Service:		
Salary - Clerk	6,920.61	
Social Security	404.24	
Blue Cross - Blue Shield	175.60	
Retirement	185.47	
	<hr/>	7,685.92
Debt Service:		
Interest Short Term Notes	13,107.75	
Principal Bonded Debt	80,000.00	
	<hr/>	93,107.75
Capital Improvements & Equipment:		
West Stewartstown Nursing		
Hospital	2,680.97	
Farm	16,843.18	
Jail & House of Correction	—	
Lancaster Court House	—	
Berlin Court House	285.00	
Berlin Nursing Home		
Equipment	44,713.32	
	<hr/>	64,522.47
Special Requests:		
Council on Aging	7,000.00	
Retired Senior Volunteer		
Program	4,000.00	
	<hr/>	11,000.00
Crime Abatement:		3,771.98
Delegation Expense:		2,235.76
Stewartstown Nursing Hospital:		795,756.17

Farm:	137,910.61
Jail & House of Correction:	122,771.27
Berlin Nursing Home:	536,090.40
Berlin Nursing Home Start Up:	96,776.36
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	<u>\$2,377,078.22</u>

REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT

To the Honorable Board of County Commissioners, the County Delegation and Citizens of Coos County:

There were 162 Jail Admissions and 82 House of Correction Admissions with a total of 5237 Jail and House of Correction days.

There were 90 Nursing Hospital Admissions with 35221 patient days for a 96% utilization. The utilization percentage is due to the transfer of patients to the Nursing Home in Berlin.

Thirteen of the 90 admissions were State Hospital patients transferred here. These were Coos County patients that no longer needed State Hospital care.

Shortly after these patient transfers, the State Hospital sent Doctors, Nurses and aides, and social workers to conduct a working seminar for the area Doctors and our staff. This proved beneficial for all concerned creating a better working condition for all involved.

We transferred nineteen Berlin area patients to Coos County Nursing Home in Berlin after it opened. These patients or their families had requested the transfer.

Renovations to the Nursing Hospital are continuing as in the past. Our entrance was renovated. We now have glass doors, and new lighting thereby creating a foyer which is very bright. This has eliminated the winter cold drafts entering the main building. This is a very pleasant improvement.

Cookouts and Day Outings are continuing for our patients who are not bed-ridden and both are eagerly looked forward to. The Lancaster Fair continues to provide free admission for our patients and Nugent's Bus Service provides buses free of charge whenever needed.

Our Farm continues to be a leader in milk production. Our produce were very plentiful this past year.

The Clergy continue to minister to the spiritual needs of our patients and inmates at the Jail and House of Correction. We had two "Firsts" this past year: Mass was said Christmas Eve at the House of Correction for the inmates; the second "First" Mass was celebrated at the Nursing Hospital Christmas morning. Christmas Eve and Christmas Day are usually very busy for the priests so we were very privileged to be able to have these two Christmas Masses.

Something new this past year has been the Memorial Funds. We have had several families requesting "Donations to Memorial Funds" for the Nursing Hospital, some with specific request and

others for us to use at our discretion.

We sincerely wish to acknowledge with much appreciation the Clergy, Mr. and Mrs. Marshall Ames, Nugent's Bus Service, the families requesting donations in Memory of their Loved Ones, the many organizations and individuals, (too numerous to acknowledge individually) who in one way or another provide so much joy to each and every one of our patients.

A very special "Thank You" to our County Commissioners - Mr. Rene Bergeron, Dr. Norman Brungot and Mr. Thomas Corrigan, the County Delegation. We would be remiss if we did not say "Thank You" to all our loyal employees - both full and part-time. Without each and every one, Commissioners, Delegation and loyal Employees our job would be a much harder one to manage.

Sincerely submitted,

Leopold Bouchard, Superintendent
Mary Bouchard, Administrator

STATEMENT OF REVENUE AND EXPENSE

Gross Earnings:

Daily Services, Nursing Hospital	\$748,007.00	
State Welfare	138.24	
Pharmacy	880.44	
Medical and Surgical Supplies	89.89	
Total		\$749,115.57

Deductions From Gross Earnings:

County Patients	\$ (8,405.64)	
Total		(8,405.64)

Other Income:

Bad Debt Recovery	127.00	
Miscellaneous Income	124.53	
Employee Meals	25,178.00	
Total		25,429.53

Total Jail Income: 775.00

Farm Earnings:

Milk	85,234.18	
Meat	2,641.20	
Livestock	10,279.32	
Miscellaneous Income	7,379.58	
Transfer of Food to Nursing Hospital and Jail	45,904.13	
Total		151,438.41
NET EARNINGS		\$918,352.87

OPERATING EXPENSES

NURSING HOSPITAL

Administration:

Administration Salaries	\$ 45,673.08	
Social Security	32,573.71	
Blue Cross & Life Insurance	12,595.85	
Retirement	9,614.12	
Workman's Comp.	13,851.86	
Supplies & Expenses	5,685.50	
Communications	3,346.94	
Insurance, Real Estate, Liability, etc.	6,935.05	
	<hr/>	\$130,276.11

Dietary:

Dietary Salaries	\$101,200.21	
Supplies and Expenses	11,475.75	
Food	53,460.84	
	<hr/>	166,136.80

Nursing:

Nursing Salaries	\$299,580.99	
Medical Records	697.99	
Staff Physicals & In Service	1,242.25	
Nurses' Travel	404.53	
Pharmacy (Drugs)	17,559.40	
Medical and Surgical Supplies and Oxygen	7,231.75	
	<hr/>	326,716.91

Maintenance:

Maintenance Salaries	\$ 19,600.80	
Fuel, Electricity, Etc.	38,949.66	
Vehicle Repairs	856.65	
Maintenance	14,986.53	
Plant Repairs	6,545.37	
Minor Equipment	4,732.11	
	<hr/>	85,671.12

Laundry:

Laundry Salaries	\$ 20,436.08	
Supplies and Expenses	2,797.88	
Linens	4,359.39	
	<hr/>	27,593.35

Housekeeping:

Housekeeping Salaries	\$ 48,971.64	
Supplies & Expenses	6,638.44	
	<hr/>	55,610.08

Other Services:

Medical Services	\$ 3,195.80	
Chaplain Services	556.00	
	<hr/>	3,751.80

TOTAL NURSING HOSPITAL	<hr/>	\$795,756.17
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JAIL:

Guard Salaries	\$ 66,535.61	
Social Security	4,381.58	
Blue Cross, Blue Shield and Life Insurance	2,960.97	
Retirement	1,679.07	
Workman's Comp	1,124.10	
Medical Services	673.47	
Hospitalization	45.00	
Adm. Supplies & Expenses	7,960.47	
Supplies & Expenses	2,435.05	
Other Supplies	609.40	
Dietary Supplies & Expenses	20,086.98	
Laundry Supplies & Expenses	1,149.72	
Fuel, Electricity, Etc.	5,396.89	
Maint. & Plant Repairs	5,751.96	
Minor Equipment	153.00	
Insurance, Fire, Liability, Etc.	1,828.00	
	<hr/>	122,771.27
TOTAL JAIL		

FARM:

Farm Salaries	\$ 32,598.79	
Social Security	2,132.62	

Blue Cross, Blue Shield and Life Insurance	1,075.73	
Retirement	826.89	
Workman's Comp.	1,984.23	
Veterinarian	997.00	
D H I A	682.79	
Breeding	987.90	
Registration	446.58	
Supplies and Expenses	12,002.56	
Electricity	627.54	
Fuel	5,709.65	
Seed, Fertilizer & Spray	9,585.37	
Feeds	46,374.65	
Building Maint. & Repairs	2,085.05	
Equipment & Vehicle Repairs	5,824.61	
Woods' Operation	290.05	
Real Estate Taxes, Land Rental, Etc.	7,731.40	
Insurance, Real Estate, Vehicles, Fires, Etc.	3,332.65	
Administration Expenses	2,614.55	
TOTAL — FARM		137,910.61
TOTAL EXPENSES — Nursing Home, Farm and Jail		\$1,056,438.05
SPECIAL APPROPRIATIONS:		
Entrance Roof & Enclosure	\$ 2,680.97	
Farm Equipment	16,843.18	
		\$ 19,524.15

SUMMARY

Accounts Receivable Jan. 1, 1976	\$ 77,143.19	
Inventory, Jan. 1, 1976	57,182.95	
Expenditures for 1976	1,075,962.20	
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		\$1,210,288.34

Accounts Receivable Dec. 31, 1976	80,674.92	
Inventory December 31, 1976	70,033.34	
Earnings for 1976	919,127.87	
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		1,069,836.13

OPERATING EXPENSES	\$ 140,452.21
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Per Capita Cost per day of Residents in Nursing Home	22.59
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Per Capita Cost per day of Inmates in Jail and House of Correction	23.44
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COOS COUNTY NURSING HOSPITAL BUDGET - 1977

West Stewartstown, New Hampshire

Account Name:	Proposed Budget 1976	Approved Budget 1976	Expended 1976	Proposed Budget 1977
Administration Salaries	\$ 62,300.00	\$ 55,000.00	\$ 45,673.08	\$ 51,250.00
Social Security	31,500.00	31,500.00	32,573.71	37,122.00
B.C., B.S., & Life Ins.	12,300.00	12,300.00	12,595.85	13,500.00
Retirement	6,000.00	6,000.00	9,614.12	12,000.00
Workman's Comp.	6,800.00	6,800.00	13,851.86	15,000.00
Supplies and Expenses	4,600.00	4,600.00	5,685.50	4,600.00
Communications	3,400.00	3,400.00	3,346.94	4,000.00
Ins., R.E., Lia., Etc.	8,300.00	8,300.00	6,935.05	8,300.00
Total Administration	\$135,200.00	\$127,900.00	\$130,276.11	\$145,772.00
Dietary Salaries	\$100,500.00	\$104,500.00	\$101,200.21	\$112,800.00
Supplies and Expenses	12,000.00	12,000.00	11,475.75	12,000.00
Food	56,900.00	56,900.00	53,460.84	56,900.00
Total Dietary	\$169,400.00	\$173,400.00	\$166,136.80	\$181,700.00

Account Name:	Proposed Budget 1976	Approved Budget 1976	Expended 1976	Proposed Budget 1977
Nursing Salaries	\$285,800.00	\$296,100.00	\$299,580.99	\$332,500.00
Medical Records	700.00	700.00	697.99	700.00
Staff Physicals and In Service	.00	.00	1,242.25	700.00
Nurses' Travel	400.00	400.00	404.53	600.00
Pharmacy (Drugs)	15,000.00	15,000.00	17,559.40	17,000.00
M & S Supplies & Oxygen	14,000.00	14,000.00	7,231.75	12,000.00
Total - Nursing	\$315,900.00	\$326,200.00	\$326,716.91	\$363,500.00
Maintenance Salaries	\$ 21,300.00	\$ 21,300.00	\$ 19,600.80	\$ 23,000.00
Fuel, Electricity, Etc.	38,000.00	38,000.00	38,949.66	40,000.00
Vehicle Repairs	1,000.00	1,000.00	856.65	1,500.00
Maintenance	15,000.00	15,000.00	14,986.53	15,000.00
Plant Repairs	7,000.00	7,000.00	6,545.37	7,000.00
Minor Equipment	4,400.00	4,400.00	4,732.11	5,000.00
Total - Maintenance	\$ 86,700.00	\$ 86,700.00	\$ 85,671.12	\$ 91,500.00
Laundry - Salaries	\$ 21,400.00	\$ 22,400.00	\$ 20,436.08	\$ 26,900.00
Supplies and Expenses	3,700.00	3,700.00	2,797.88	3,700.00
Linens	6,500.00	6,500.00	4,359.39	5,500.00
Total - Laundry	\$ 31,600.00	\$ 32,600.00	\$ 27,593.35	\$ 36,100.00
Housekeeping Salaries	\$ 48,600.00	\$ 50,600.00	\$ 48,971.64	\$ 52,498.00
Supplies and Expenses	8,000.00	8,000.00	6,638.44	8,000.00
Total - Housekeeping	\$ 56,600.00	\$ 58,600.00	\$ 55,610.08	\$ 60,498.00

Account Name:	Proposed Budget 1976	Approved Budget 1976	Expended 1976	Proposed Budget 1977
Medical Services	\$ 7,000.00	\$ 7,000.00	\$ 3,195.80	\$ 6,000.00
Chaplain Services	1,000.00	1,000.00	556.00	1,000.00
Total - Other Services	<u>\$ 8,000.00</u>	<u>\$ 8,000.00</u>	<u>\$ 3,751.80</u>	<u>\$ 7,000.00</u>
TOTAL — NURSING HOME				\$886,070.00
Entrance Roof & Enclosure	<u>\$ 5,000.00</u>	<u>\$ 5,000.00</u>	<u>\$ 2,680.97</u>	
Total - Special (Rev. Shar.)	<u>\$ 5,000.00</u>	<u>\$ 5,000.00</u>	<u>\$ 2,680.97</u>	
Specials:				
Clothes Washer				\$ 10,215.00
Clothes Dryer				1,150.00
Dishwasher				9,500.00
Artesian Well				3,500.00
Floor Tile and Wall Paper				10,000.00
Building Painted				10,000.00
Toilet Enclosures				3,000.00
Total				<u>\$ 47,365.00</u>

COOS COUNTY FARM BUDGET — 1977

West Stewartstown, New Hampshire

Account Name:	Proposed Budget 1976	Approved Budget 1976	Expended 1976	Proposed Budget 1977
Farm Salaries	35,600.00	35,600.00	32,598.79	36,200.00
Social Security	2,100.00	2,100.00	2,132.62	2,300.00
B.C., B.S., & Life Ins.	950.00	950.00	1,075.73	1,200.00
Retirement	550.00	550.00	826.89	1,300.00
Workman's Comp	900.00	900.00	1,984.23	2,500.00
Veterinarian	1,000.00	1,000.00	997.00	1,000.00
D H I A	700.00	700.00	682.79	800.00
Breeding	1,100.00	1,100.00	987.90	1,100.00
Registration	500.00	500.00	446.58	500.00
Supplies and Expenses	12,000.00	12,000.00	12,002.56	13,000.00
Electricity	700.00	700.00	627.54	700.00
Fuel	6,000.00	6,000.00	5,709.65	6,000.00
Seed, Fertilizer & Spray	10,000.00	10,000.00	9,585.37	11,000.00
Feeds	55,000.00	53,000.00	46,374.65	50,000.00
Building Maint, & Repairs	3,200.00	2,200.00	2,085.05	2,500.00
Equip. & Vehicle Repairs	5,000.00	5,000.00	5,824.61	5,500.00
Woods' Operation	500.00	500.00	290.05	500.00
R. E. Taxes, Land Rental, Etc.	8,000.00	6,000.00	7,731.40	6,000.00

Account Name:	Proposed Budget 1976	Approved Budget 1976	Expended 1976	Proposed Budget 1977
Ins. R.E., Vehicles, Etc.	5,500.00	5,500.00	3,332.65	5,500.00
Adm. Expenses	3,000.00	3,000.00	2,614.55	3,000.00
Total - Farm	152,300.00	147,300.00	137,910.61	150,600.00
2nd Hand Tractor 75 HP	8,000.00	8,000.00	8,500.00	
Feed Bunk and Water Trough	4,000.00	4,000.00	4,994.98	
Tractor Chains & Weights	800.00	800.00	.00	
Self Unloading Wagon	3,200.00	3,200.00	3,348.20	
Totals Specials - Rev. Sharing	16,000.00	16,000.00	16,843.18	
Specials:				
Silage Blower				1,525.00
#8 Croy Carrier Extension				195.00
#350 11'6" Disk Harrow				2,349.00
Pipe Line Milker				10,400.00
Feed Cart				2,300.00
Total				16,769.00

COOS COUNTY JAIL & HOUSE OF CORRECTION BUDGET — 1977

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Coos County Report

West Stewartstown, New Hampshire

Account Name	Proposed Budget 1976	Approved Budget 1976	Expended 1976	Proposed Budget 1977
Salaries	65,200.00	65,200.00	66,535.61	68,800.00
Social Security	4,300.00	4,300.00	4,381.58	4,200.00
B.C., B.S., & Life Ins.	2,500.00	2,500.00	2,960.97	3,150.00
Retirement	1,300.00	1,300.00	1,679.07	2,350.00
Workman's Comp.	900.00	900.00	1,124.10	1,500.00
Medical Services	750.00	750.00	673.47	800.00
Hospitalization	2,000.00	1,500.00	45.00	2,000.00
Adm. Supplies & Expenses	8,700.00	7,700.00	7,960.47	8,700.00
Supplies & Expenses	2,000.00	1,500.00	2,435.05	2,000.00
Other Supplies	850.00	850.00	609.40	850.00
Dietary Supplies & Expenses	18,000.00	16,000.00	20,086.98	25,000.00
Laundry Supplies & Expenses	1,100.00	1,100.00	1,149.72	1,100.00
Fuel, Elec., Etc.	6,000.00	5,500.00	5,396.89	5,500.00
Maint. & Plant Repairs	5,000.00	4,500.00	5,751.96	5,000.00
Minor Equipment	600.00	600.00	153.00	600.00
Ins., Fire, Lia., Etc.	2,300.00	2,300.00	1,828.00	2,300.00
Total Jail	121,500.00	116,500.00	122,771.27	133,850.00
Women's Jail Windows	2,000.00	2,000.00		
Total - Jail Special Rev. Sharing	2,000.00	2,000.00		

STAFF PHYSICIAN'S REPORT

TO THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AND CITIZENS OF COOS COUNTY

The Nursing Home in West Stewartstown has undergone a number of resident changes this past year.

With the opening of the Nursing Home in Berlin 20 residents from that area were transferred to be closer to their home and relatives. This has enabled the home in West Stewartstown to accommodate more people from the immediate area. The average census for 1976 has been 95.

We have received 13 Coos County residents from the N. H. Hospital. This has generally worked satisfactorily.

A full complement of staff including an Activities Director and an Occupational Therapy Consultant complete a well rounded program for our residents. Physical Therapy and Restorative Nursing remain active.

Monthly visits are made to each resident and emergency calls when necessary.

Sick call visits are made at the jail as necessary.

J. L. POIRIER
Staff Physician

CHAPLAIN'S REPORT

TO THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AND CITIZENS OF COOS COUNTY

Religious services were held frequently at the Coos County Home in West Stewartstown.

Mass and Communion were held on a monthly basis and on Christmas.

Protestant services were held on a regular basis with ministry coming from the area clergy.

Most patients are always happy and grateful to see the clergy and to visit with them.

Respectfully submitted

Rev. Romeo J. Valliere

St. Albert Church
West Stewartstown, N. H.

PRODUCE RAISED ON FARM**1976**

Beets	23 bushels
Beet Greens	55 bushels
Broccoli	29 bushels
Cabbage	26 bushels
Carrots	50 bushels
Cauliflower	38 bushels
Celery	45 bunches
Corn	935 dozen
Cucumbers	10 bushels
Beans	22 bushels
Lettuce	15 small boxes
Onions	41 bushels
Peas	98 bushels
Potatoes	900 bushels
Peppers	6½ pks.
Radishes	21 bunches
Rhubarb	6 boxes
Squash	1 bushel ++40 boxes
Strawberries	47 quarts
Swiss Chard	42½ bushels
Tomatoes	1464 lbs.
Turnips	3¾ + 24 bx.
Hay	360 Tons
Haylage	125 Tons
Corn Silage	527 Tons

DAIRY AND MEAT PRODUCTS FROM FARM**Used by Nursing Home During 1975**

Milk	39,200 qts.
Beef	17,970 lbs.
Pork	7,718 lbs.
Veal	1,319 lbs.

REPORT OF THE ADMINISTRATOR

Coos County Nursing Home - Berlin

It is with pleasure that I submit this, my first annual report to the Commissioners, the Delegation and the Citizenry of Coos County.

After many delays, the Home accepted its first patient on May 19, 1976. It had been anticipated that the Home would be operating at about ninety-five percent (95%) occupancy within forty-five (45) to sixty (60) days of opening. This forecast was based on the one hundred and fifty (150) applications for admission to the Home that were given to me when I first came upon the scene on February 2, 1976. However, that occupancy was not realized until mid-September. Some of the reasons for not attaining the ninety-five percent (95%) are as follows:

1. After my Social Worker had completed her investigation and interviews of the applicants, that number had shrunk to sixty-nine (69) because some of the prospective patients were deceased, some were not eligible under the medicaid program, some had gone to other nursing homes, and others were no longer interested.
2. Included in the sixty-nine (69) were nineteen (19) applicants from the Coos County Nursing Hospital in West Stewartstown which were not immediately available, but were to be phased into our Home over a period of time.
3. When opening day was in sight, the remaining patients on the list were notified to prepare to come into our Home. However the list had further shrunk to about forty-five (45) that were available on opening day, May 19, 1976.

During the period from May 19, to December 31, 1976 there were one hundred and twenty-seven (127) new admissions to the Home, of which twenty-nine (29) came directly from hospitals. There were sixty-three (63) transfers to hospitals and other facilities of which only forty-eight (48) returned to our Home. There were nine (9) deaths and eight (8) discharges to the patients' homes. The census on December 21, 1976 was ninety-five (95). It is difficult to attain one hundred percent (100%) occupancy because of the policy of reserving a bed when a patient goes to the hospital and it is anticipated that he/she will return within a reasonable length of time.

In addition to providing nursing care, a functional occupation therapy program is being instituted. Also, an exercise program is being implemented. There is also a reality orientation program for the confused and a sensory perception program for the blind. The physical therapy department is fully equipped, however, I have had no success in obtaining a qualified therapist. Likewise with a speech and audio therapist. An ongoing search is being conducted for both.

An activities and recreational program provides patients the following crafts: leather, ceramics, weaving, art, woodworking, sewing, jewelry making, yarn crafts, short term crafts, rug making, bird watching, gardening in season, choral groups and music appreciation. There is also bingo, bowling, movies, monthly birthday parties and weather permitting, biweekly cook-outs.

Spiritual needs are provided by both the Catholic clergy and the Protestant ministry. Mass is celebrated at least twice monthly and on special holy days. Bible classes are held twice monthly.

A patient council has been instituted which provides the patient with direct input into the governing of their stay here at the Home.

There have been major and minor problems with the physical plant here at the home. Most of the problems have been corrected; all are under warranty.

I wish to express my appreciation to all those in the community who have welcomed me among their midst, to the Commissioners and the County Delegation and in particular to the loyal employees of Coos County Nursing Home - Berlin who made this all possible.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN A. LANGELL
Administrator

COOS COUNTY NURSING HOME BERLIN

STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENSES

INCOME:	Actual 1976
Nursing care - board and room:	
Private paying patients	144,342.30
Public aided patients	394,380.00
Less - Not reimb. by State	65,742.91
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	328,637.09
Employee meals	2,938.21
Gift Shop	143.54
Cable T.V.	307.00
Medical supplies	88.90
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Total Income	476,457.04

EXPENSES: (See schedules following)

Administration	59,162.29
Dietary	102,269.03
Nursing	166,011.91
Plant operations	44,056.43
Laundry	7,230.50
Housekeeping	29,350.13
Social department	4,277.15
Occupational therapy	1,471.84
Activities	3,099.32
Interest Expense	118,000.00
Other Expenses	1,161.80
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	536,090.40
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Excess of expenses over income	(59,633.36)

EXPENSES BY DEPARTMENTS

	Proposed 1977
Administration:	
Salaries and wages	54,681.00
Payroll taxes	42,000.00
Health and life insurance	12,000.00
Retirement	8,200.00
Insurance - Workmen's compensation	16,000.00
Insurance - Other	7,000.00

Communications	3,900.00
Administrative supplies & expenses	10,150.00
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Total Administration	153,931.00
Dietary:	
Salaries and wages	111,000.00
Consultant	5,600.00
Supplies and expenses	8,400.00
Raw food	135,000.00
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Total Dietary	260,000.00
Nursing:	
Salaries and wages	384,300.00
Medical records	1,600.00
Medical records consultant	1,200.00
Medical, surgical supplies and oxygen	9,250.00
In service training	2,500.00
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Total Nursing	398,850.00
Maintenance:	
Salaries and wages	44,000.00
Security	—
Utilities (includes heat)	78,300.00
Maintenance	5,250.00
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Total Maintenance	127,550.00
Laundry:	
Salaries and wages	20,770.00
Outside services	500.00
Supplies and linen	7,200.00
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Total Laundry	28,470.00
Housekeeping:	
Salaries and wages	64,000.00
Supplies and expenses	9,250.00
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Total Housekeeping	73,250.00
Social Services:	
Salaries and wages	7,080.00
Supplies and expenses	720.00
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Total Social Services	7,800.00

Occupational Therapy:

Consultant	5,700.00
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Activities:

Salaries and wages	11,024.00
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Supplies and expenses	1,500.00
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Total Activities	12,524.00
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Interest:

Interest on serial mortgage bonds	116,850.00
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Less - Charged to start-up cost	--
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Total Interest	116,850.00
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Other:

Physician services	5,360.00
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Chaplain services	1,000.00
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Total Other	6,360.00
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Physiotherapy:

Salaries and wages	16,200.00
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Supplies and expenses	1,350.00
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Total Physiotherapy	17,550.00
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Speech Therapy:

2,500.00

TOTAL EXPENSES

\$1,211,335.00

COOS COUNTY COOPERATIVE EXTENSION SERVICE

PROPOSED 1977 BUDGET

Classification:	1976 Approved Budget	1976 Expend- itures	1977 Proposed Budget
Salary: Clerical	\$16,150.00	\$15,999.17	\$16,950.00
Travel	6,800.00	7,362.39	7,600.00
Communication Services	2,400.00	2,453.87	2,500.00
Rent	155.00	63.50	255.00
Repairs to Equipment	180.00	202.30	200.00
Supplies & Materials	2,900.00	2,769.33	2,400.00
Equipment	1,000.00	950.33	1,200.00
Taxes	950.00	975.36	1,000.00
Miscellaneous	225.00	148.00	200.00
Salaries: Agents	16,364.00	16,364.00	17,926.50
Work Studies	300.00	285.70	300.00
Asst. Forester	500.00	450.00	500.00
Council Travel	250.00	149.94	250.00
Rent for Berlin Office			900.00
Approved County Budget	48,174.00		
Income - FICA change from Federal to State	333.06		
Not Received from County		333.17	
GRAND TOTAL	\$48,507.06	\$48,507.06	\$52,181.50

REPORT OF THE COOS COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Board of Supervisors: Michael Savchick, Berlin, Chairman; Bruce Sloat, Lost Nation, Vice Chairman; Bernard Frizzell, Groveton, Treasurer; Kendall Norcott, Gorham; Robert Pierce, Pittsburg.

District Administrator: Wendy Joseffy, Whitefield.

ASSISTANCE FROM:

Cooperative Extension Service: Leighton Pratt, County Agent; Marshall Patmos, County Forester; Joseph Wilson, County 4-H Agent.

USDA, Soil Conservation Service: Richard Haldeman, District Conservationist, Russell Kelsea, Soil Scientist, Woodbury Argeow, Jr., Cons. Technician.

USDA, Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service: Chester Savage, County Executive Director; Irene Emerson Program Assistant.

USDA, Farmers Home Administration: John Creeden, III, County Supervisor; F. Hope Flynn, County Office Assistant.

A MESSAGE FROM YOUR DISTRICT BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:

1976 was a busy and productive year for the Coos County Conservation District. At the start, we received the Honor District Award in the annual Goodyear Contest, which is made in recognition of a district's continuing record of excellence. The District elected D. Wheeler Clark the Goodyear Outstanding Cooperator of the Year for his continued interest in forestry practices and upland wildlife habitat management. The St. Johnsbury Farm Production Credit Service Award, for an individual's achievements in conservation on his farm, was awarded to Jules Robinson of Pittsburg. Both of these awards will be presented at the Annual Meeting, which will be held in March.

The Conservation District appropriation from the County for 1976 was \$7750.00. This money provided a full-time District Secretary to keep the office open daily from 8 to 4:30, to provide the necessary clerical and administrative functions of the District, and to represent the District Supervisors when they are not in session. Our main source of income for operating expenses is through contributions from businesses, cooperators, and concerned individuals. These funds cover our necessary day-to-day operations, helping us to make Coos County a better place to live. "Thank you," to all of you who contributed, and we

look forward to your continued support in 1977.

The Coos County Conservation District assisted many people throughout the County in 1976 in regards to their conservation endeavors. The following is a further explanation of our assistance in areas such as Soils, Conservation Education, and Community Development, much of which was provided through the help of the various technical agencies that aid us.

SOILS:

The contract with the Town of Lancaster is now complete, with 9735 acres mapped during 1976, making the total for the project 32,000. The Town of Randolph contract has been started, with 2100 acres mapped at the close of 1976. Mapping was done for District Cooperators, which totaled 4190 acres, 3185 of which were mapped in Colebrook, and the remaining 1005 acres throughout the county. 380 acres were mapped in conjunction with the Resource Conservation and Development (RC & D) projects. Request mapping totaled 225 acres, 45 of which were for proposed subdivisions. The total for 1976 mapping comes to 16,710 acres. 192 requests for on-site sewerage disposal data were handled through the year.

Some further assistance included the following: In conjunction with the National Cooperative Soil Survey, preliminary data was collected on the soil temperature regime, to aid in soil classification. The purpose was to learn which areas had cryic temperature regimes. A one day soils tour in the Upper Connecticut River Valley was conducted with the Society of Soil Scientists of Northern New England.

CONSERVATION EDUCATION

The District participated in Career Night at the Gorham High School. Students were able to learn of many interesting careers through the help of the 100 participating professions and their displays. The District also assisted the Experimental Schools project in Groveton on Outdoor Education. A conservation plan was developed for the project. The Soil Conservation Society of America's booklets, "Pioneers of Conservation in America" were purchased with the help of local banks and lending institutions in the county and distributed to all fifth and sixth graders in the schools.

Additional educational assistance included talks at the Lancaster Kiwanis Club, Lancaster Rotary Club, The Berlin Vocational Technical School, and the White Mountains Regional High School.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Through the North Country RC & D Project, the District has been providing assistance to solve flood control problems on Roaring Brook, drainage problems at Pittsburg School, and with the installation of project measures for flood control and drainage at the Edward Fenn School at Gorham.

Soils information was provided to the Gorham Recreation Department to assist them in recreation planning. Soils information for sewerage and pollution control systems was provided to Whitefield.

COUNTY FORESTER

In cooperation with the District in its goal of sound land management and wise use of the Coos County's natural resources, the County Forester assisted many landowners in the form of woodland examinations, management plans, and woodland improvement demonstrations. Assistance was given to individuals and towns with shade tree and community planning concerns, which indicates that increased natural resource awareness is generating more requests in the area of urban forestry. Assistance in Conservation Education and forest management to schools, towns, and community groups and the general public through information meetings, demonstrations, exhibits, news articles and educational materials continues to be an integral part of the County Forestry Program. Other assists include environmental quality, access road layout, pollution abatement, marketing and utilization, timber harvesting, and current use.

Respectfully submitted,

Your District Board of
Supervisors

Michael Savchick, Chairman

COOS COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT

INCOME:	1976 Proposed	1976 Actual	1977 Proposed
Contributions	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 2,230.00	\$ 3,000.00
State Refund	250.00	500.00	250.00
Sale of Pipe, USGS Sheets, Erosion and Sediment Booklets	487.50	609.50	800.00
Cost Share - Soil Reports and Overlays	500.00	391.00	1,500.00
Annual Meetings, etc.	200.00	225.00	255.00
Subtotal	\$ 4,437.50	\$ 3,955.50	\$ 5,805.00
Coos County Salary for District Admin.	7,750.00	7,750.00	8,335.00
TOTAL	\$12,187.50	\$11,705.50	\$14,140.00

EXPENSES:

	1976 Proposed	1976 Actual	1977 Proposed
	\$	\$	\$
Postage	500.00	313.12	400.00
Bulk Mailing Fee and Business Reply Fee	40.00	50.00	60.00
SCSA Booklets (Environmental Conservation)	230.00	229.50	250.00
Office Supplies	250.00	191.34	200.00
N. H. Association Dues	100.00	100.00	200.00
SCSA Membership	17.50	35.00	—
Annual Reports	450.00	464.00	50.00
Newsletters	500.00	185.80	500.00
Subscriptions - Newspapers	30.00	28.12	30.00
Sponsoring Society for Protection of N. H. Forests Conservation Workshops	220.00	—	250.00
Contests	50.00	—	100.00
Telephone Listing	25.00	28.40	30.00
Soil Stewardship Materials	50.00	58.02	60.00
Contribution Mailing Materials	200.00	371.49	400.00
Camera Film and Processing	25.00	5.90	25.00
Mileage	300.00	37.80	200.00
Annual Meeting	250.00	225.00	250.00
NACD Dues	150.00	200.00	200.00
Purchase Equipment	200.00	—	800.00
Repair Equipment	50.00	48.40	100.00
Purchase of Pipe	300.00	304.79	500.00

Misc. (Purchase of USGS Sheets, Presentation Set, N.H. Assoc. Meeting, SCSA Meeting Etc.)	300.00	215.76	300.00
Fair Display	200.00	126.00	200.00
Attendance National Assoc. Meeting		619.50	700.00
Subtotal	<u>\$ 4,437.50</u>	<u>\$ 3,837.94</u>	<u>\$ 5,805.00</u>
Coos County Salary for District Admin.	7,750.00	7,750.00	8,335.00
TOTAL	<u>\$12,187.50</u>	<u>\$11,587.94</u>	<u>\$14,140.00</u>

REPORT OF THE CLERK OF SUPERIOR COURT

To the Honorable Board of Commissioners for Coos County:

Dear Madam and Gentlemen,

Herewith are the reports of the receipts and disbursements of the past two terms of Superior Court in accordance with RSA 499:5, 6.

Respectfully submitted,

ROBERT C. RICH

Clerk of Superior Court

NOVEMBER TERM, 1975

Charges Against County

1. Fees chargeable to County		
Mittimus, capias etc.	\$	27.00
Certificates to Dept. of		
Vital Statistics, Probate		
Court, etc.		64.75
2. Misc. Cash Disbursements		None
3. Fines:		
State v. Gerard Pouliot		50.00
State v. Michael Dumas		200.00
State v. Emile A. Dupont		50.00
State v. William G. Mitchell		15.00
State v. Michael Rancourt		100.00
State v. Peter Styles		200.00
State v. Elden Stevens		200.00
State v. Armand R. Couture		100.00
State v. Michael S. MacKillop		40.00
State v. Lucien Dupont		30.00
State v. Harvey Nault		250.00
State v. Albert Dubois		250.00
State v. Nelson E. Gallant		500.00
State v. Craig D. Richards		50.00
4. Clerk and Clerical Hire		13,336.55
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TOTAL CHARGES		\$15,463.30

Credits To County

1. Entries		
Civil (79)		
Equity (107)		
Criminal Appeal (37)		
2. Fines	\$ 2,035.00	
3. Sale of rules	None	
4. Sale of dockets	None	
5. Fees chargeable to County	91.75	
6. Allowance paid to date	13,336.55	
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TOTAL CREDITS		\$15,463.30

The foregoing account is approved and allowed.

May 4th, 1976

CHARLES G. DOUGLAS, III
Presiding Justice

MAY TERM, 1976**Charges Against County**

1. Fees chargeable to County	
Mittimus, capias, etc.	\$ 33.00
Certificates to Dept. of	
Vital Statistics, Probate	
Court, etc.	89.50
2. Misc. Cash Disbursements	None
3. Fines:	
State v. William G. Mitchell	15.00
State v. Gerard Pouliot	50.00
State v. Michael Dumas	200.00
State v. Emile A. Dupont	50.00
State v. Mark Theriault	25.00
State v. Germain P. Roy	100.00
State v. Leon Chaloux	15.00
State v. William D. Caggiula	30.00
State v. Charles S. St. Pierre	
(forfeited bail)	250.00
State v. Frederick H. Gleason	100.00
State v. Russell Mooney	100.00
State v. Raymond Grenier	300.00
State v. Daniel Gookin	250.00
State v. Richard O. Barker	125.00
State v. Dennis E. Corrigan	125.00

State v. Maurice R. Tellier	125.00	
State v. Claude Lemelin	500.00	
State v. Roger L. Burdick	35.00	
State v. Vincent Giordano (bail)	375.00	
State v. Arthur Lancey (bail)	200.00	
State v. Walter E. Hobbs (bail)	250.00	
4. Clerk and Clerical Hire	13,527.44	
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TOTAL CHARGES		\$16,869.94

Credits To County

1. Entries		
Civil (56)		
Equity (103)		
Criminal Appeals (17)		
2. Fines	\$ 3,220.00	
3. Sale of dockets	None	
4. Sale of rules	None	
5. Fees chargeable to County	122.50	
5. Allowance paid to date	13,527.44	
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TOTAL CREDITS		\$16,869.94

The foregoing account is approved and allowed.

November 4th, 1976

RICHARD P. DUNFEY
Presiding Justice

COUNTY ATTORNEY'S REPORT

FOR 1976

To the Commissioners of Coos County:

The following report of cases disposed of in Superior Court during the calendar 1976 is hereby submitted:

A. FELONIES:

1. Aggravated Assault (2), Pleas; 1 year and a day to State Prison.
2. Arson (1), Jury, Not Guilty
3. Burglary (28), Pleas; a sampling follows:
 - 6 months to House of Correction, suspended, 1 year probation (2)
 - 9 months to House of Correction, suspended, 18 months probation (1)
 - 1 year House of Correction, 6 months suspended, 2 years probation (1)
 - 1 year House of Correction, work release, 5 years probation (1)
 - 1 - 3 years to State Prison (1)
 - 2 - 4 years State Prison (3)
 - 3 - 5 years State Prison (1)
4. Embezzlement (22), Pleas; suspended sentences.
5. Felon in Possession of Gun (1), Plea; 1 year suspended, 2 years probation.
6. Forgery (6), Pleas; 1 year to House of Correction, suspended, 2 years probation (1); 15 months to 4 years to State Prison (1).
7. Larceny (8), Pleas; Continued for Sentence (1); 6 months to House of Correction, suspended, 3 years probation (1); 1-3 years to State Prison, suspended, 3 years probation (1).
8. Not Guilty by Reason of Insanity (3), Pleas; 1 released; 2 committed as dangerous.
9. Possession/Sale of Controlled Drug (3), Pleas; 1 year House of Correction, suspended, 1 year probation (1); 1 year House of Correction, suspended, 2 years probation.
10. Possession of Stolen Property (1), Jury, Not Guilty.
11. Sexual Felonious Assault (3), Pleas; 1 year House of Correction, 6 months suspended, 3 years probation (1); 1 year House of Correction, 3 years probation (1); Continued for Sentence, 2 years probation (1).

TOTAL FELONIES

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B. MISDEMEANORS AND VIOLATIONS:

1. Aiding Criminal Activity (1), Plea; fine.
2. Assault (2); 1 trial; both Guilty. 40 days to House of Correction or 20 days volunteer work (1); Suspended Sentence (1).
3. Avoiding Apprehension (1), Plea; 1 year suspended.
4. Criminal Mischief (2), Pleas; 1 year suspended (1); Fine (1).
5. Criminal Trespass (7), Pleas; 9 months House of Correction (1), 6 months suspended (3); Continued for Sentence (2); Fine (1).
6. Disorderly Conduct (1), Plea; Fine.
7. DWI (7), 3 trials (2 Not Guilty); 1 Jury (Guilty); Revocations and Fines.
8. Escape (1), Plea; 90 days House of Correction.
9. Failure to Stop for Conservation Officer (1), Jury Trial, Guilty; 30 days House of Correction.
10. False Imprisonment (1), Plea; 6 months suspended.
11. Following too Closely (1), Plea; Fine.
12. Illegal Night Hunting (1), Jury Trial, Guilty; Fine.
13. Larceny (8), Pleas; House of Correction sentences and Fines.
14. Leaving the Scene of Accident (1), Plea; suspended sentence.
15. Operating After Revocation (1), suspended sentence and Fine.
16. Overweight Vehicles (2), Pleas; Fines.
17. Possession of Drugs (4), Pleas; suspended sentence (1); 2 weekends at House of Correction (1); Fines and Probation.
18. Speeding (11), 6 Pleas, 5 trials, 1 Not Guilty; Fines.

TOTAL MISDEMEANORS AND VIOLATIONS

50

C. MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS:

1. Ex Parte Support Petitions (11).
2. Habitual Offender Petitions and Hearings (Motor Vehicle) (5).
3. Late Appeals, Petitions or Motions (2); denied.
4. New Hampshire Hospital, re Release of Patients (Criminal) (2); denied.

5. Paternity Actions (5).
6. Petitions to Annul Criminal Record (3).
7. Probation Violations (2); House of Correction.
8. Uniform Reciprocal Support Actions:
 - 27 filed in New Hampshire against Out of State fathers;
 - 8 disposed of against New Hampshire fathers.

D. FINES AND RESTITUTION:

Nearly \$5,000.00 was ordered paid to the Court in fines in Superior Court Criminal Cases;

Over \$7,000.00 was paid or ordered as restitution in cases disposed of in Superior Court during the year.

In addition your County Attorney represented the State in several hearings as to discovery and suppression of evidence in Superior Court, presenting evidence to the Grand Jury, probable cause hearings for binding over to Superior Court, some misdemeanors and violations in District Court and some Juvenile Cases.

Your County Attorney also served as adviser and counsel to all County Officials and advised, assisted and counselled the various Law Enforcement Agencies or members thereof in the County.

I wish to express my appreciation and that of the people of Coos County for the dedication, hard work and cooperation of the Sheriff and his Department; the State Police and especially Troop F; the Police Departments of the various communities; the local Fish and Game Officers; Captain Roger Beaudoin and his staff at the State Crime Lab; the Medical Referees and Pathologists - all of whom have helped make this County a better and safer place to live in 1976.

Respectfully submitted,

PIERRE J. MORIN

Coos County Attorney
Jan. 1, 1976 to Dec. 31, 1976

January 6, 1977

TRI-COUNTY COUNCIL, INC.

**Court House Building, 220 Main Street, Berlin, N. H. 03570
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A REPORT ON EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING PROGRAM ACTIVITIES IN COOS COUNTY

Introduction: A. CETA & The Balance of State

Under Title I of the Comprehensive Employment and Training Act of 1973 (CETA), the Federal Government makes grants to local governments or combinations of local governments to enable them to provide locally planned and administered employment and training services to eligible clients within the local area.

Under the provisions of the act, the Tri-County area of Coos, Carroll and Grafton Counties have combined to form the Tri-County Council, Inc.

The Council was formed to enable the three (3) political jurisdictions to cooperate for the optional delivery of employment and training serviced under the Comprehensive Employment and Training Act of 1973 (CETA). The chief elected officials who are authorized by their legislative bodies to represent these bodies to the Council are as follows:

Barbara Hill, Grafton County Board of Commissioners
Thomas Corrigan, Coos County Board of Commissioners
Gordon Thayer, Carroll County Board of Commissioners
Frederick King, Coos County Coordinator

The Tri-County Council, Inc. is just one of three (3) such corporations which comprise the Balance of State which are under sub-contractual agreements with the Prime Sponsor for the Balance of State the N. H. Office of Manpower Affairs.

The others are: The Belknap/Merrimack Manpower Corp., which covers those counties; and the Southwest Manpower Corp. which covers Sullivan and Cheshire Counties.

The result of the basic policy decisions is that a group of local agencies, which had been providing fragmented services, are now involved in a cooperative Intake and Assessment Unit for the purpose of performing services as part of a comprehensive employment and training system. This enables each agency to take advantage of the services offered by other agencies within the system.

It also requires careful cooperation and coordination among all agencies, the development of cooperative agreements, and the adherence to system-wide procedures which still need to be reinforced.

The comprehensive employment and training system has three main goals which are:

1. To place economically disadvantaged unemployed family heads and youth in good jobs with adequate pay to support themselves and their families at an income above the poverty level and to help them retain those jobs.
2. To place some clients in other positive situations which will benefit the individuals concerned. These positive situations include returning to school or other full-time training, entering the military, obtaining a CETA Title II or VI position, and others.
3. To provide in-school, economically disadvantaged, potential dropouts, 16-21 year old youth with training and other services which will prepare them for entering the world of work at some future time.

The priority groups which have been established by the Tri-County Council, Inc., indicate that we are attempting to serve the lower 3% of the labor force, those who would tend to remain unemployed even if our economy were in good shape. We feel that the chronically unemployed, which we are trying to serve, suffer multiple barriers to employment including lack of education, lack of financial resources, family responsibilities, racial and sex discrimination, and other barriers including lack of understanding of the world of work and lack of a stable work record.

Clearly, to accomplish the primary goal of unsubsidized job placement and retention for the economically disadvantaged, we need to provide services which will eliminate these barriers. The CETA system is designed to provide the flexible and comprehensive services which a client would need to eliminate the employment barriers.

For the program and fiscal year of October 1, 1976 through September 30, 1977, federal funds in the amount of \$1,579,725.00 have been made available to Tri-County Council, Inc. for a variety of program activities under different Titles of C.E.T.A. The Summer Youth Program for Fiscal 1977 has not yet been allocated at this time and the following information does not reflect this activity. It is however, expected that Tri-County Council, Inc. will be receiving S.Y.P. funds in the amount equal to last year's allocation of \$230,204.00.

Title I	\$ 728,327.00	Employment and Training
Title II	406,527.00	Public Service Employment
Title III	100,000.00	Selected Population Segments Program (Rural Labor Force)
Title VI	345,311.00	Public Service Employment
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Total:	\$1,579,725.00	Allocated
	\$ 230,204.00	Anticipated S.Y.P. Allocation

TRI-COUNTY COUNCIL, INC.

COOS COUNTY EMPLOYMENT & TRAINING PROGRAMS

Program	*Current Wkly Payroll	*No. of Persons Served	**Projected Cum. Participant Wages	**Projected No. of Persons to be Served
Title I	3,207.32	110	196,430.38	184
Title II	7,200.44	58	145,890.21	60
Title VI	0	0	124,624.17	44
Title III	0	0	21,214.84	28
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Total	*10,407.76	*168	**488,159.60	**316

* Reflects weekly participant wages and total number of persons served as of Dec. 31, 1976.

** Reflects projected cumulative participant wages and estimate of participants to be served as of Sept. 30, 1977.

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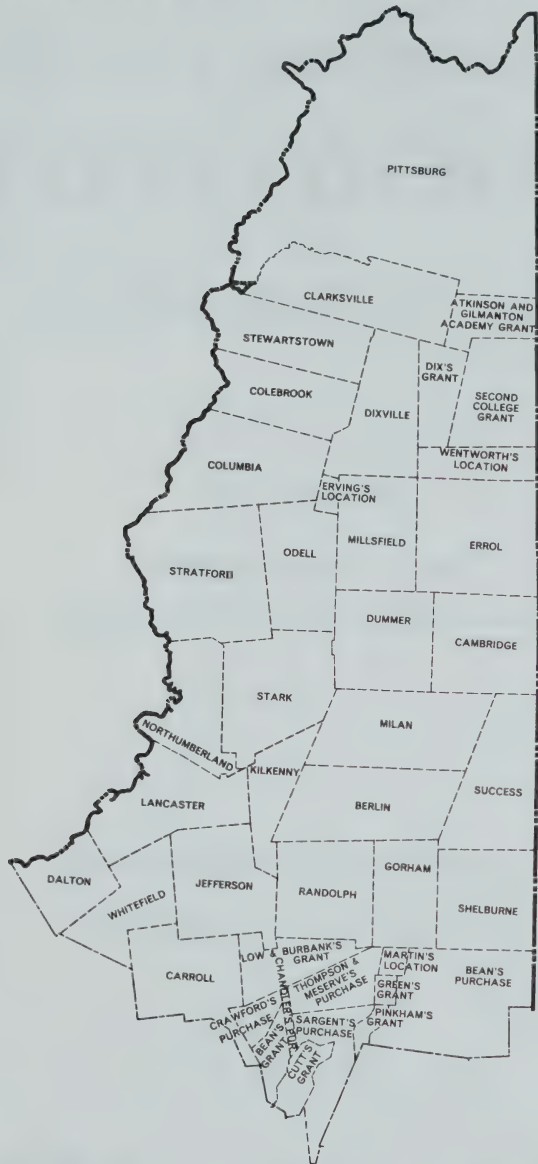
Name	From	Held For:	Weeks	Days
Andrews, Maurice	Superior Ct.	Contempt of Court	1	1
Beland, Shiela	Berlin	Disorderly Conduct	2	1
Beland, Shiela	Berlin	Taking Motor Vehicle w/o Owners Consent,		
		Operating w/o License — Bail Pd.	3	1
		Poss. of Controlled Drug	3	2
Belanger, William	Colebrook	Burglary	18	
Boudle, Frederick	Superior Ct.	Neglect by Husband and Father	9	4
Brown, George	Colebrook	Criminal Trespass	3	1
Buckley, Peter	Lancaster	Disorderly Conduct	9	5
Cass, Robert	Colebrook	Criminal Threatening	17	5
Cass, Robert	Groveton	3 Counts-Criminal Trespass, Theft	2	
Chandler, David	Whitefield	Criminal Trespass	3	1
Couture, Robert	Whitefield	Criminal Trespass - Transferred to Jail	6	
Croteau, Michael	Berlin	Violation of Probation	12	
DesRoberts, Andy	Superior Ct.	Criminal Mischief	20	4
Devost, Donald	Groveton	Contempt of Court	2	3
Dunn, Lloyd	Colebrook	Criminal Mischief - Bail Pd.	4	4
Eastland, Randall	Colebrook	Burglary	1	5
Eastland, Larry	Colebrook	Poss. of Drugs to Mfg.	2	6
Fields, Herbert	Colebrook	Burglary	9	
Gagnon, Paul	Berlin	Criminal Contempt	24	6
Gregory, Mary	Rockingham Sup. Ct.	Theft by Deception		3
Grover, Chester	Colebrook			

Name:	From:	Held For:	Weeks	Days
Grover, Chester	Colebrook	Theft	10	6
Guilbeault, Robert	Berlin	Disorderly Conduct	3	3
Hanks, Gregory	Colebrook	Burglary and Aggravated Assault	11	6
Hunt, James	Colebrook	Criminal Mischief	12	2
Huot, Paul	Lancaster	Sexual Assault	18	2
Ingerson, Robert	Whitefield	Public Intoxication	11	6
Jones, Arthur	Colebrook	Breaking and Entering, Mfg. & Poss. of Controlled Drugs	3	2
Judson, Reginald	Berlin	Drunkenness	19	4
King, Edward	Berlin	Rape, Criminal Restraint	37	6
Laflamme, Dennis	Colebrook	Escape	1	1
Laflamme, Dennis	Berlin	Criminal Threatening, Transferred to Jail	1	1
Landry, Paul	Berlin	DWI	5	6
Macey, Everett	Whitefield	Public Intoxication	24	6
MacLean, Harris	Colebrook	Disorderly Conduct. - Trans. to St. Hosp.	7	1
MacLean, Harris	Berlin	Disorderly Conduct - Trans. to V.A. Hosp.	2	4
MacLean, Harris	V.A. Hosp.	Disorderly Conduct	9	1
Majestic, George	Whitefield	Criminal Trespass	3	1
Maker, Earl Jr.	Lancaster	Failure to Answer Summons on DWI	1	1
Malanson, Lewis	Whitefield	Lewdness	1	1
Marshall, Joseph	Whitefield	DWI	1	1
McCants, John	Colebrook	Loaded Firearm in Auto. - Trans. to St. Hosp.	3	3
McCarthy, John	Whitefield	DWI	4	4
McKee, Robert	Lancaster	Poss. of Controlled Drugs	2	2

Name:	From:	Held For:	Weeks	Days
Monahan, Raymond	Whitefield	Public Intoxication	3	3
Monahan, Raymond	Twin Mt.	Public Intoxication	11	5
Morel, Richard	Berlin	Poss. of Controlled Drugs	1	1
Morel, Richard	Lancaster	Burglary	12	
Morey, Reginald	Gorham	Intoxication	11	4
Morey, Ormand	Gorham	Intoxication	9	2
Nelson, Brian	Berlin	Operating After Revocation	5	6
Newton, Wayne	Groveton	Criminal Mischief	2	6
Noyes, Clyde	Whitefield	Receiving Stolen Property	4	2
Peden, Thomas	Berlin	Criminal Trespass	2	1
Peters, Paul	Gorham	Failure to Answer Summons	6	
Pike, Donald	Berlin	Theft	9	
Pike, Donald	Northumberland	Disorderly Conduct	4	1
Pinette, Paul	Colebrook	Escape	1	5
Pinette, Paul	Colebrook	Criminal Trespass	19	2
Pinette, Paul	Berlin	Theft	6	1
Pinette, Paul	Berlin	Criminal Trespass - Trans. to Jail	1	
Powell, Wayne	Lancaster	Burglary	2	2
Qualls, Steven	Gorham Dist. Ct.	Theft by unauthorized taking	2	4
Rancourt, Michael	Lancaster	Burglary	30	1
Rancourt, Michael	Colebrook	Receiving Stolen Goods	4	
Reagan, Joseph	Colebrook	Criminal Trespass	7	5
Riff, Floyd	Berlin	Burglary	17	1
Riff, Floyd	Whitefield	Lewdness	6	1

Name:	From:	Held For:	Weeks	Days
Riff, Floyd	Lancaster	Burglary	2	1
Roy, Clayton	Berlin	Breaking and Entering and Larceny	18	3
Smith, John	Whitefield	Assault	9	2
Stone, Elmer	Lancaster	Failure to Stop for Conservation Officer		
		Criminal Contempt	3	
Stone, Elmer	Lancaster	Contempt		2
Tanquay, Maurice	Gorham	DWI	8	5
Tanquay, Maurice	Gorham	Assault	8	6
Tupick, Alexander, Jr.	Colebrook	Burglary	32	5

COUNTY GOVERNMENT



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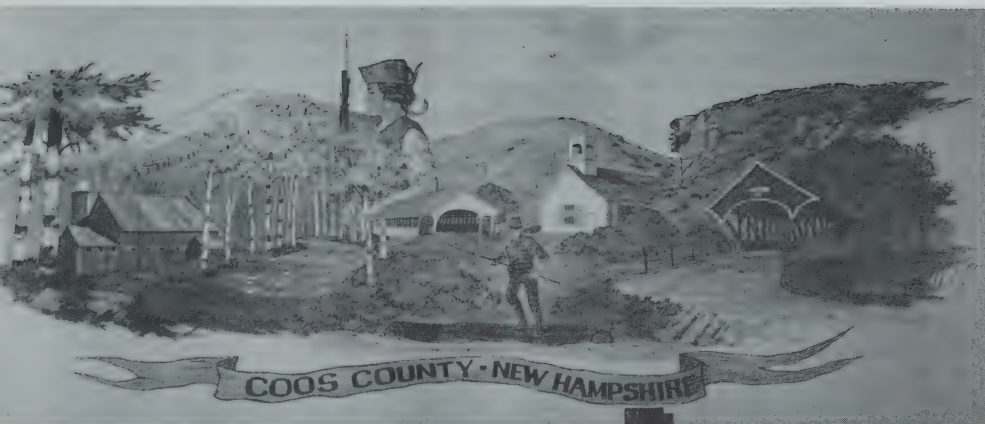
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COOS COUNTY COORDINATOR

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HISTORY

Coos County was the first county established in New Hampshire after the Revolutionary War. The Act establishing Coos County was approved December 24, 1803 and took effect March 5, 1805. It contained the towns of Dalton, Whitefield, Bretton Woods, Bartlett, Adams, Chatam, Shelburne, Shelburne Addition, Durand, Kilkenney, Jefferson, Lancaster, Millsfield, Northumberland, Stratford, Wales' Gore, Cockburne, Colebrook, Stewartstown, Piercy, Paulsburg, Mainesborough, Dummer, Errol, Cambridge and Success, with a population of about 3,000 in 1803. Lancaster was designated as the county seat.

Coos was taken from Grafton, one of the five original counties in the State. The first counties established under British rule were Rockingham, Strafford, Hillsborough, Cheshire and Grafton. Coos comprises all of New Hampshire north of present counties of Carroll and Grafton. It is bounded on the north and Northwest by Canada, east by Maine and west by Vermont. It is isolated from the southern portions of New Hampshire by rugged, mountainous terrain. Coos land area constitutes 20% of the land area in New Hampshire. It is 86% forested and to-day 58% of the land area is owned by four large paper companies, Dartmouth College and U.S. Government.

County government in New Hampshire was established under the rule of the British. The county was the major unit of local government in England at the time America was first settled. Early settlers in Virginia found the county best suited to their flat open farmlands. County government grew throughout the south where to-day county government is still the predominant form of local government. In New England the settlements were

more compact and the town became the local unit of government. Counties were formed only to provide the few service which could not be economically provided at the town level. Today county government in New England, with the exception of Maine and New Hampshire, offer few if any services. Elsewhere in the United States, county government remains very active.

At the time Coos County was established the major services provided by counties were administration of the courts and penal systems, the safe-keeping of records and deeds and the services of the sheriff, the chief law enforcement officer.

Prior to 1770 all of New Hampshire, for all financial and judicial purposes, was a single court. The act which provided for counties became effective in the Spring of 1771. Over the next several years various courts of justice were established. "The Court of General Sessions of the Peace" was composed of all of the justices in the county. It had limited jurisdiction in criminal matters but had control of all the financial affairs of the county. In 1794 its functions were given to the "Court of Common Pleas" and some of the judges, called side judges, attended to the financial affairs of the county. In 1855 a three member board of commissioners was created to act with the Court in conducting the financial affairs of the county.

In 1876 a constitutional amendment provided for the popular election of sheriffs, county solicitors and registers of probate. Prior to that these county officials were appointed by the Governor. The 1792 Constitution allowed each town's representative to the State Legislature to also be the members of the county delegation, the governing body of the county. This was a rather expedient solution to the problem of how to raise taxes from the towns to support county government.



A Famous Coos County Scene — Town of Stark



The Cog Railroad — Mt. Washington

Photo by Warren Bartlett

PHYSIOGRAPHY AND CLIMATE

Coos County is dominated by mountainous and hilly terrain. Mt. Washington with an elevation of 6288 feet is the second highest mountain east of the Rockies. It has the most severe weather conditions ever recorded. 75% of the county is characterized by steep to very steep slopes. Of the remaining area only one third is considered suitable for urban-type development.

60% of the county drains into the Connecticut River and 40% into the Androscoggin River. The Connecticut River has its source in the town of Pittsburg. These two main rivers receive most of the sanitary and industrial waste from the county leaving their tributary streams relatively clean. At this time giant steps have been and are being taken to clean up the pollution in these two very beautiful rivers.

Precipitation varies greatly from an annual average of 65 inches in the mountains to 34 inches in the Connecticut River Valley. Slight increases occur in June, July and September and coincide well with the growing season. The average number of days without killing frost averages from 100 to 120 days, limiting agricultural development. Temperatures average 40 degrees excluding the high mountains. Summer is characterized by wide temperature ranges and frequent changes in weather. Winters are cold with average temperatures 16 to 20 degrees. Average snowfall is 100 inches but this varies greatly from year to year.

POPULATION AND ECONOMY

In 1803 when the county was established the population was 3000. By 1880 it had grown to some 18,580. The 1970 census placed the population at 35,000 down from the 1960 total of 37,000 and the 1930 total of 39,000. The projected total county population for the year 2000 is placed at a maximum of 38,500. Approximately 6% of the total State of New Hampshire population resides in Coos County. It has a density of 20.4 persons per square mile as opposed to that of 67.3 persons per square mile for the State.

Growth in the North Country during the 19th century was nearly 3 times the state as a whole. Initially agriculture, then in the mid-1800's the lumber and wood related industries and to a lesser extent recreation, formed the relatively prosperous economic base for the county. The favorable economic conditions and the resulting population growth were seriously affected by the national forces of the 1930's and 1940's, the Depression, World War II, the decline of the land based industry and migration to urban areas. The out-migration of young adults has characterized more recent population trends. The result of such out-migration by the youth, especially the young men, is evident in 1970 census figures which show high dependency ratios, that is percentage of population under 18 and over 65 is high when compared with the wage-earning population between 18 and 64. The percentage of persons under 18 and over 64 is 47.5% in Coos County, the highest of the ten counties in New Hampshire. Statistics also show that the Coos County population has a generally lower level of education than other parts of the state.

Generally speaking the degree of poverty as measured by family income is the highest of the ten New Hampshire counties in Coos County. The 1970 census figures indicate that 21.7% of the families in Coos County have incomes of less than \$5,000.00 per year. This compares with a state average of 15.6%. The average family income was \$8,137.00 per year against the state average of \$9,074.00. Unemployment statistics nearly always place the percent of unemployment in the north country two or more points higher than the state average.

The population statistics and the degree of poverty indicators point to conditions that are all too apparent to those county officials who are responsible for providing some form of public assistance to those in need. Each year the county budget reflects the increased burden of public welfare.

Coos County's economic well being is tied to two principal activities, manufacturing and tourism. Agriculture which in the beginning was the economic mainstay has in recent years shared

statewide trends of decreasing acreages in farms and harvesting, declining numbers of farms but increasing average size of the farms remaining. The 1880 census showed that there were 1,939 farms in the county having a total of 139,089 acres of improved land. By 1964 there were 270 commercial farms with 22,220 acres of harvested cropland. To-day the number of commercial farms is probably around 150. Less than 10% of the total land area in Coos County is included in productive farms. 1970 census figures indicate that only 3.4% of the employment is provided by the industry group shown as "Agricultural, Forestry and Fisheries". This compares with a state average in this group of 3.3%.

Manufacturing is the prime source of jobs in Coos County; 43.6% of all jobs fall into this category; 8.1% are in so-called durable goods and 35.5% in non-durable goods. The break down between durables and non-durables is significant. Most growth industries are in the durables group; electrical products and machinery which are the two largest manufacturing employers in New Hampshire as a whole, although only scantily represented in the North Country.

The non-durables group included mostly traditional industries, among them pulp and paper, shoes and apparel, which attained peak employment in the past and which are now generally sources of declining employment opportunities. All wood using industries considered as a unit generate well over 50% of the manufacturing jobs in the county. It is more difficult to measure tourism or the recreation industry as it is sometimes called. However, it is known that it does have a very significant impact on the economy of Coos County. All phases of tourism when taken collectively still fall short of manufacturing as a source of better paid year round jobs.

Future population growth in Coos County will remain slow. This slow growth reflects continuation of the trends of the 1960's: a decline in the birth rate, out-migration of youth in the late teens and early twenties and compensating in-migration of people in the higher age brackets. This migration of these two age groups will show up as a median age increasingly higher relative to that of the state and the nation. It might be said that our youth will be leaving to seek their fortunes while the retired will return to enjoy the fruits of their labor. It is anticipated that the number of jobs in manufacturing will decrease and the number of service jobs will increase in the years ahead. The energy crisis which is becoming more real every day will probably have a more profound economic impact on northern rural regions like Coos County than most other parts of our nation. Just how this will affect the future of the residents of Coos County only time will tell.

COUNTY GOVERNMENT

County Government to-day as in 1805 provides only those services which are too large to be economically provided by each town but by tradition the people have preferred to be directly under the control of local elected officials. Perhaps the most positive feature of county government is the large number of elected positions. These county officials are elected every two years and the obvious advantage of such a system is that these officials are held accountable at these rather frequent intervals to the voters.

In Coos County the governing body today is made up of the 19 member Delegation who are the county representatives to the State Legislature. These 19 representatives approve all expenditures of the county, raise the county taxes and approve the county budgets. They also approve the purchase of and repairs to county owned property in excess of \$1000.00 in value. Many of the duties of the governing body are assigned to the Finance Committee which is made up of 10 members of the Delegation plus the Chariman.

The major executive function and the day to day responsibility for the operation of the county is vested in the three County Commissioners elected for two year terms from three districts within the county. They appoint the superintendent of the county institution, the administrators of the two nursing homes, oversee the operation of these facilities, directly operate the welfare functions of the county and see to the care of the indigent within the county who are not the responsibility of either the towns or the state. They prepare the county budget for presentation to the Delegation and are responsible for the departments of the county not headed by elected officials.

County government in Coos County today is a large complex operation. It involves a total budget in excess of three million dollars a year and a total of more than two hundred full time employees.

The taxes which pay for the services provided by the County are paid by the property owners within the County. These taxes are assessed to the towns based on an equalized value of the towns total property value as it relates to the total property values within the county. The State of New Hampshire's Department of Revenue Administration determines each towns share of the total County tax.



County Courthouse — 220 Main St. — Berlin

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SUPERIOR COURT SYSTEM

The administration of the judicial process in New Hampshire is a good example of how the local, county and state governments interact to provide service to the citizens. Of the different court levels in New Hampshire, the counties support the general trial court, the Superior Court.

The Superior Court is the state's court of general jurisdiction, consisting of thirteen justices, one of whom is designated as the Chief Justice, who preside in trial sessions on a circuit basis. In Coos County the county maintains two Superior Courthouses, one in Lancaster, the county seat, and one in Berlin. The court remains in session throughout the year with the Justice actively presiding in the Lancaster Courthouse during the spring term of court and in the Berlin Courthouse during the fall term of court. Within the courthouses themselves various other county departments are housed. The Court, which is administered by the Clerk appointed by the Justice, has exclusive jurisdiction in Civil matters involving amounts in excess of \$3,000.00, in proceedings involving the title to real estate, injunctions, divorces and separations, child custody, eminent domain proceedings and other civil matters. It also has exclusive original jurisdiction in criminal cases involving felonies (crimes which are punishable by more than a one year sentence) and in misdemeanor appeals from District or Municipal Courts.

The Superior Court is the only court in the State empowered to call the Grand and Petit Juries from a list of the county's voters provided by the towns and the city. Appeals from the decisions of the court, whether made by judge or jury, can be appealed on questions of law only to the Supreme Court of New Hampshire sitting in Concord.

The costs related to the salaries and costs of the Superior Court Justices is paid by the state. Other costs of the Superior Court including operation of the courthouses, the Clerks office expense, jury payrolls, witness fees etc. are paid by the county's taxpayers.



County Courthouse — 148 Main St. — Lancaster

Photo by Warren Bartlett

PROBATE COURT SYSTEM

In addition to the Superior Court, there is a Probate Court which meets at the Lancaster Court House. This court has jurisdiction of the probate of wills and over related matters concerning the estates of deceased and missing persons. The Register of Probate, elected for a two year term, takes care of all administrative matters relating to the settlement of estates, guardianship of minors and mentally incompetents, conservators and trusteeships. In addition the Register of Probate processes adoptions, termination of parental rights and changes of names. In Coos County the Register of Probate is paid by a system of user fees and county government provides office space and office expense funds.

All judges in New Hampshire are appointed by the Governor with the consent of the Governor's Executive Council for term extending until they are 70 years of age. A Judge of Probate must be a practicing lawyer, and although other judges do not have to be lawyers, most appointments are made from the legal profession.



One of Several Coos County Covered Bridges

Photo by Warren Bartlett

LAW ENFORCEMENT

The County Attorney, as a deputy of the State Attorney General, is considered the chief law enforcement officer of the county. He is responsible for the prosecution of those persons who are in violation of the law. He participates in the preparation and prosecution of the more serious crimes and assists and advises local law enforcement people with their prosecutions. The County Attorney in Coos County is a part time position. In addition to his other duties he is available upon request of the County Commissioners for civil action in which the county has an interest.

Also considered law enforcement officials are the medical referees, licensed physicians, appointed by the Governor and required to examine the bodies of persons who appear to have died under other than natural circumstances. The county reimburses the medical referees on a fee basis.

The County Sheriff, who is elected every two years, and his Deputies serve and execute writs, serve criminal or civil processes and are officers of the Superior Court, providing security for the court and transportation of prisoners. The Sheriff as the chief law enforcement officer of the county coordinates and assists local and state police in carrying out their duties. In Coos County the Sheriff is a part time official as are his appointed deputies.

COUNTY EXTENSION SERVICE

The Coos County Extension Service serves the citizens through a variety of individual and group educational programs. There are services available in Agricultural, Home Economics, 4-H Youth Development, Forestry and Community Resource Development. The agricultural and forestry agents provide professional assistance to county farms and land owners. All activities emphasize practical problem solving. A number of informative publications are available at the Extension office located in the Lancaster Court House. Funding for the Extension Service is shared by the federal, state and county governments.

REGISTER OF DEEDS

The Register of Deeds, whose office is located in the Lancaster Court House is elected for a two year term. He records all property deeds and public documents such as leases, agreements, contracts, mortgages, property maps, etc. The Register of Deeds and his assistants are paid by user fees. The county provides office space and funding for office expense.



A scene from years past that may well become a scene of the future if the energy crisis persists.

Photo by Warren Bartlett

COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT

The Coos County Conservation District, is one of the main sources of assistance to county landowners in their resource conservation and development projects. The services of this organization are available to all of the county's landowners, town selectmen, town planning boards, conservation commissions and schools. It provides information and technical assistance in land use planning, providing soil data, conservation practices and flood control measures.

The technical assistance is provided by the U.S. Department of Agriculture Soil Conservation Service (SCS). The District and the S.C.S. share office space at 99 Main St. in Lancaster.

The S.C.S. is the USDA's technical arm of action for soil conservation. S.C.S. brings together the various experts needed to solve land and water problems. Its staff includes soil scientists; economists; agricultural, irrigation, hydraulic, drainage and cartographic engineers; specialists in geology and sedimentation. These technical people and their support facilities are provided by the Federal government. The only direct cost to the county taxpayers is the cost of a full time clerk which enables the office to be open during normal business hours thereby freeing the technical people for the necessary field work.



Spring Skiing in Famous Tuckerman Ravine

Photo by Warren Bartlett

COUNTY WELFARE

The care of the poor and the aged is a major responsibility of county government in New Hampshire. The 1977 Coos County budget indicates that 77% of total county expenditures will be made for welfare related costs. The laws of the state are very complex and require a great deal of cooperation on the part of

local, county and state welfare administrators. Generally the county has more flexibility in dealing with the needy and assumes the responsibility for those persons that are not a direct charge of either the state or local towns and cities.

In more detail: the state with the help of federal and county financing, administers welfare programs for needy people who are over 65, blind, permanently and totally disabled, or mentally disabled or who have dependent children. The state also supervises foster care for children, though the legally liable unit (town or county) is responsible for the financing of this care. The towns provide help for some of the needy who fail to qualify for state assistance. They assist people who have lived in that town for a year without assistance, but the towns are responsible for providing help for only one year. There are, in other words, a number of people who fall through the sieve. Examples: A single person, not disabled with no children and between the ages of 18 and 65 fails to qualify for assistance. Partially disabled persons or people needing short term relief for some reason such as illness or temporary unemployment do not qualify for state aid. Such assistance is available from the town if the person meets the residence requirement and from the county if he does not.

The Coos County Delegation has in recent years funded special requests from community based organizations which operate programs designed to help the needy such as Community Action's. "Meals on Wheels" and the "Retired Senior Volunteer Program". In order to be eligible for county funding these services must be available county wide.

Probably nowhere else in county government have changes been as great and public attituded been as profoundly changed as in the welfare system. For example, consider the following items taken from records of earlier town meetings.

1. "1819 - Voted the Selectmen do with town poor as they see fit."
2. "1840 - Voted to set up town poor to lowest bidder. METAL-LAK was bid off by Howard Blodgett for forty-eight dollars and a quarter; he is to clothe him, find him in tobacco, and return him to the town clothed as well as when he took him."



County Farm — Circa 1900
Photo Courtesy of Stewartstown Memories

COUNTY INSTITUTION

— WEST STEWARTSTOWN

The question of purchasing a county farm was first considered by the County Delegation in 1862. It was referred to the people who defeated the proposal at the March 1863 town meetings. A report which had been prepared in 1861 showed that the county was providing aid for 79 people. Out of a total tax for county government of \$6,541.72 the support for county "paupers" was some \$5,305.09. As a result of further consideration for a county farm, a meeting of the Delegation was held in Lancaster on January 19, 1865 to consider and act upon the matter. Again the question was referred to the voters and this time the request was approved. On November 8, 1866 the county purchased the property of Mr. and Mrs. Isaiah H. Pickard for \$7,000.00. This farm located on the Connecticut River in West Stewartstown contained some 600 acres. It had 80 acres of meadow, a 1300 tree maple orchard and a heavy stand of timber. The farm had a good two story house, 36 x 26 feet in size, which became the basis for the first "Alms House" constructed in 1867. To the farm house an addition was made of a three story building, 80 feet long and 38 feet wide. In this facility 150 residents could be accommodated. The new building and other improvements cost \$11,000.00. This new facility opened in October of 1867 with 65 residents (called inmates in those days). During the first ten years of operation there were an average of 100 residents with a maximum reported of 121.

In 1932 the present brick masonry building was completed. It served a dual purpose for many years with first and second floors acting as a residential facility for the needy county residents and the top floor a 35 bed general hospital serving the communities in the north-west part of the county. In 1970 the hospital was phased out with the completion of a new hospital in Colebrook. At that time the County converted this West Stewartstown facility to an 82 bed Intermediate Care Facility (ICF) nursing hospital and undertook a major renovation program to bring the structure and equipment up to the "Federal Life Safety" standards. In 1971 a new home for the Superintendent was completed which allowed for an expansion of the nursing hospital to a licensed capacity of 100 beds. In 1973 the Delegation introduced and had passed by the Legislature a change in the name of this facility from the "Alms House of Coos County" to the "Coos County Nursing Hospital". The change of the name signified the changes of attitude about the nature of those services this facility provided. Hopefully, the days of the "Poor Farm" had finally passed.



Present Day Nursing Hospital and Jail Building

A major part of the Institution's operation was the dairy farm which in the beginning was the basis around which the entire program developed. The able bodied inmates farmed the soil and provided the food and fuel needed to sustain themselves and those unable to work. Today the Coos County Farm is one of the finest dairy operations in the state. The herd production ranks among the best and each year the County receives D H I A awards for the excellence of its prize Holstein cattle.

The County Farm serves the Extension Service by being a model farm, carrying out pilot crop programs and working with the University of New Hampshire's agriculture program. Today as in the past, the milk, meat and vegetables produced by the farm are transferred to the hospital for its use. The farm also sells on the open market thousands of dollars in milk and produce and in fact produces a cash profit for the county.

The third component of the Institution is the County Jail and House of Correction. By state statutes each county must provide a jail and house of correction for use by the towns and cities within the county.

The first such facility located in Lancaster was built in 1806.

It was built of hewn elm logs "firmly bolted". To quote from the History of Coos County, "For years Coos and the "border" was a favorite resort for desperadoes and counterfeiters, with some of whom, after imprisonment, the keepers had serious struggles, and the large rings in the floor, and the heavy iron chains, used to connect them with the fetters of the prisoners, were in frequent use." This jail burned January 9, 1858 and a replacement built of stone was erected soon after.

Around the turn of the century the present Jail and House of Correction was built in West Stewartstown across the road from the original wood frame "Alms House". It would be connected later by a tunnel to the present Nursing Hospital when it was built in 1932. The building actually contains two completely separate facilities which are located in separate wings. The wing on the north side contains the Jail cell block. This is used only for those persons who are being held without bail or because they either can't or do not want bail. They have not been tried and therefore are presumed innocent. They do not work on the farm or in any other capacity.

The House of Correction is in the south wing and is for prisoners who have been sentenced usually for less than one year. Those sentenced for more than one year are sent to the State prison.



Present Day County Farm Buildings



Jail and House of Correction Construction — Circa 1900
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These prisoners work on the farm and in the nursing hospital.

In recent years there have been several innovative programs introduced to help the prisoners adjust upon their release. Those include work release programs, serving their sentences on weekends, and education programs which lead to high school equivalency tests.



Coos County Nursing Home — Berlin

NURSING HOME — BERLIN

On May 15, 1976 the County opened a second 100 bed ICF nursing home on Cates Hill Road in Berlin. This was the culmination of a study, planning and construction process which was started in November of 1972 by the County Commissioners. By the end of 1976 all of the start up process had been completed and the home was 95% occupied.

This modern health care facility, considered to be one of the finest in New Hampshire, now enables the County to meet its commitment to the elderly population. The building is situated on a beautiful 15 acre site near the Vocational Technical College. It is a three story brick structure with the top two floors utilized as 50 bed nursing units. The total cost for this project was \$2,200,000.00 paid by \$1,600,000.00 in 20 year County bonds with the remaining \$600,000.00 paid by a Federal Hill-Burton grant. This Federal participation was the largest ever awarded in New Hampshire for nursing home construction.

THE FUTURE

One hundred and seventy-one years after the establishment of Coos County the services originally offered to the County's citizens are still a part of county government: Courts, Sheriffs' Department, Register of Deeds, County Prosecutor and responsibility for welfare recipients. The premise that counties should provide services too specialized for the individual towns still prevails. The important question of whether some of these services might better be a responsibility of state government or should remain a county function is a controversial one and can not easily be answered. However, the fact remains that costs of government are directly related to the demand for services made by that government's citizens. More and more of the county's programs are controlled by the Federal and State of New Hampshire agencies which set the standards and establish the regulations which control the programs often with little if any local decisions. This is especially true in the welfare programs which in the 1977 budget represent 77% of the total expenditures. In addition to loss of control by local officials it is apparent that state government is less willing to meet its financial commitments to fund programs because of insufficient state revenues. The result is to be found in the local property tax bills which will continue to rise.

Whether the programs are funded by the towns, counties, states or federal government it will be the taxpayers who ultimately must pay the bill. In the past the position of the New Hampshire and Coos County taxpayers has been to keep the costs and control as close to home as possible and in the final analysis it will be the taxpayers who must decide the future direction of their county government. This is how it should be.

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